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Lawyers are seeking millions of pounds to compensate cancer patients who were given inade-quate doses of radiotherapy and their families. About a hundred people are expected to seek damages from North Staf-fordshire District Health Authority for the error, which went unnoticed for

Ford cutbacks

Ford has extended shorttime working at its Dag-enham and Halewood plants for a further month. The company had hoped for an upturn in the car market, but sales this month are 11 per cent down ... Page 16

Fishermen

Trish fishermen were feared drowned after their boat collided with a French trawler in the Bristol Channel. An RAF rescue helicopter searching for the men had to ditch in heavy seas, but the crew was unharmed......Page 5

Tibet ruling

China insisted that it would never contemplate independence for Tibet in a document that denounces the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader. Peking describes the remote Himalayan region as stable, prosperous and content, but admits that living standards are lower than the Chinese

Secret mission

A British medical team has flown to Jordan to operate on President Saddam Hussein's deputy. The secret mission coincided with a Whitehall pledge that Iraq would never return to the international community while it imprisoned two Britons for straying into



Clinton surge

Fresh opinion polls in America put Bill Clinton (above) 21 points ahead of President Bush - the biggest lead in recent surveys. The Washington Post-ABC poll figures were published as the Texan billionaire Ross Perot indicated that he was on the point of resuming his independent campaign for the ... Page 10 presidency.....

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Disappointed: Mona Bauwens and her husband, Mohammed Shourjabi, leave the High Court after her libel action ended with a hung jury

Mortgage cut offers shelter for Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

ernment cut interest rates by 1 per cent, easing the pressure on John Major in the run-up to tomorrow's emergency Commons debate on the

This, the first tangible dividend from the government's changed economic policy since it pulled out of the European exchange-rate mechanism last week, will save a homebuyer with a £30,000 repayment mortgage more than £11 a month.

Leeds Permanent, Britain's fifth biggest building society. with half a million borrowers, was the first of the giants to cut its basic rate, by 0.75 per cent. from 10.7 per cent to 9.95 per cent - the first time mortgage rates have fallen below 10 per cent since the summer of 1988. Abbey National, in line with other leading lenders,

BRITISH soldiers sent to

Bosnia-Herzegovina will be

withdrawn if they suffer "very

heavy casualties", Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, told MPs yesterday. The short-term limited ob-

jective was to escort humani-

tarian aid convoys, not to

engage in "a massive fire-

fight", he said. However, sol-

diers would be entitled to open

fire "with everything they have

got" if attacked, but only once

they had pinpointed "precise-ly" who was responsible. Ap-

Halifax, the largest building society, said rates would come down when the money markets settled, although it did not

The one-point reduction put British rates below those of Germany for the first time in ten years and signalled a more aggressive approach to spurring the economy by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, who hailed the cut as good news for homebuyers and business.

It was justified, he said, by the progress on reducing inflation, now at 3.6 per cent, and the lowest factory gate prices for 20 years, but he tried to dampen expectations of further large cuts. Being outside the ERM was not a "free hunch" and if at any time he thought that inflation was going to pose a threat again he would have no hesitation in

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

pearing before an emergency

meeting of the all-party Com-

mons defence committee, Mr

Hamilton was questioned

closely about the rules of

engagement for the 1,800

British troops who are being

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, demand-

ed to know whether they would be able to respond to

sniper fire with the 30mm

cannon carried by Warrior

armoured vehicles, which are

to be shipped to Bosnia. The

sent to eastern Bosnia.

MORTGAGE rates began said it would cut rates by 0.75 putting rates up. Tory relief £1,085 million, £200 million marred by worse-than-expected trade figures. The deficit, the biggest since April, widened sharply in August to



minister said they would, but

later said that 81 mm mortars

would be used, rather than the

The latest details of Britain's

role in Bosnia emerged as Major General Philippe Morillon, the French com-

mander due to take charge of

the UN reinforcements in

Bosnia, including the British

any firm guarantees as to the

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safety of the UN troops.

30mm cannon.

sion about the future of the Maastricht treaty and ERM, the Labour leadership will UK troops get firing guidelines

Britain "on the sidelines". John Smith is to risk a confrontation with shadow cabinet rebels by asking them to accept an approach that embodies support for a single currency and for British mem-bership of a reformed ERM System.

Downing Street sought to

allay fears by arguing that the

improved terms of trade with a

cheaper pound would make it

easier to get the balance of payments back on course.

For the first time in months

the government found itself

being applauded by Euro-sceptics. William Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, said: "I am

absolutely delighted. This will

give enormous relief to British industry and to homeowners.

I very much hope this is only

the beginning because we

need them to come down still

Amid signs of cabinet ten-

The new Labour document, extracts of which were obtained by The Times last night, reiterates Labour's support for "stable but adjustable ex-change rates". In a move designed to fill the vacuum Continued on page 16, col 1

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Danes put case for amended Maastricht

By GEORGE BROCK AND CHARLES BREMNER

yesterday piled further pres-sure on Britain over the ratification of the Maastricht treaty on economic and political union, the Danish prime minister said that Denmark wanted "substantial" changes in the treaty before holding a second referendum in the spring or autumn of 1993.

Mr Poul Schluter announced after a cabinet meeting in Copenhagen that "the Maastricht treaty must be softened and moderated because certain parts of the treaty are unacceptable to large proportions of the popu-lations of Denmark, France, Germany and Great Britain". He said Denmark did not want to be tied to the third and final phase of monetary

ident Mitterrand met to reinforce Franco-German cooperation in the wake of currency turmoil and the French referendum. French commentators saw the hurriedly arranged Franco-German summit as an attempt to force the pace of Maastricht

In Bonn, the government announced that the Bundestag would begin the ratification process on October 8, a week before the special European Community summit in London, and would complete the process by the end of the year. Herr Kohl is opposed to changes to Maas-Continued on page 18, col 6

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Bauwens wants retrial after jury stalemate

THE Mona Bauwens libel action ended in stalemate last night when the jury failed to reach a verdict on newspaper articles about the family holiday which David Mellor, the heritage secretary, shared with her during the Gulf crisis.

Mrs Bauwens, daughter of a senior PLO official, immediately announced she would seek a rential, bringing the possibility of a second lengthy case in which Mr Mellor's judgment would

A second case would also add substantially to the estimated £250,000 costs so far. A hung jury is an extremely rare event in libel cases and unheard of in big cases.

Equally unusual was the lastminute suggestion from counsel for Mrs Bauwens, when the jury was still split six-six after four hours of delibera-tion, that the judge should decide the case himself. This was rejected by counsel

for The People, which was defending the action. George Carman QC said: "An invitation to the dance at this stage comes too late. Confident as I am of your lordship's view, the parties agreed to trial by jury." Mrs Bauwens, who claimed the article in *The People* had

branded her a social leper not fit to be seen in decent company, briefly hugged Judith Mellor, the minister's wife, who was present in court. She said: "I am disappointed that the jury was not able to reach a consensus. I am disappointed the defendants would not

Last night Richard Stott, former editor of The People, called on Mr Mellor to resign and hailed the decision as a "terrific victory".

Mr Stott, who now edits the Daily Mirror said: "We have been vindicated. Mr Mellor has now got to answer questions as to why he took such an

expensive holiday with the daughter of an executive chairman of its financial comminee, at a time when 4,000 British hostages were being held.

"If he can't answer them he should resign, and resign straight away." A retrial would be vigorously defended, he

The jury had heard that Mr Mellor, his wife and children spent a month-long holiday at rented by Mrs Bauwens which had begun one day before Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Downing Street yesterday brushed aside suggestions that David Mellor was about to resign. The prime minister's continuing sup-port for the national heritage secretary was under-lined amid a new wave of be forced to

Throughout the trial, Mr Carman maintained the arti-September 1990, was de signed to question Mr Mellor's political wisdom and judgment and was not an attack on Mrs Bauwens.

Mrs Bauwens intends to proceed to a retrial but the case is unlikely to come before the same judge, although if available when it comes up, he could seek to sit on again.

in 40 years of libel he had only ever come across one other case where there was a hung

Yesterday's hung jury may fuel the debate over whether juries should decide libel cases at all, or perhaps be relieved of the task of deciding the amount of damages.

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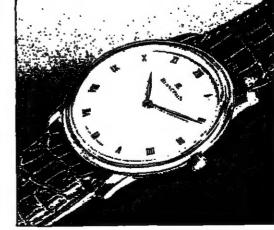
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FROM JOHN PHOLIPS IN ROME

THOU shalt not evade taxes, take bribes, deal in drugs or even consult horoscopes. Such misdeeds are as likely as prostitution, homosexuality and suicide to land unrepentant sinners in Hell, according to a new Roman Catholic catechism designed to bring church thinking up to date with modern temptations.

The 427-page Universal Catechism incorporates a more liberal interpretation of the Ten Commandments and takes a softer line on suicide, the death penalty, euthanasia, war and revolution. But a key section dedicated to morality defines several "modern sins" that could lead to the inferno if absolution were not granted before death. They include drunken driving. manipulating public opinion, incitement to pornography and producing or peddling drugs, according to leaked copies of the manual.

The guide, which was approved by the Pope in June, is being translated into several languages for publication near Christmas. A French edition is already circulating in Rome and details were published in Italian

newspapers yesterday. Interpretation of the commandment "thou shall not steal" is updated to include 20th-century vices such as speculation on prices, corruption, expropriation of public property for private uses, tax evasion, counterfeit-

ing, tax fraud, forging cheques and

forging receipts. The catechism classes as grave sins the consultation of mediums and horoscopes, superstition, sexual relations outside matrimony, divorce, slander and abortion.

Traditional sins such as prostitu-tion, homosexuality and masturbation are regarded with more comprehension than before. For example, the catechism classes prostitution as a sin because it is "an attack on the dignity of the person". But a person who sells her or his body is less guilty if it is done because of "poverty, blackmail

and social pressure". The catechism recommends chastity for homosexuals so that they might gradually "reach Christian perfection", but adds that the church must treat them "with respect, compassion

against them must be avoided". Masturbation is still frowned on as "a seriously disordered act", but the catechism says consideration should be taken of "immaturity, the force of social habits, states of anguish or other social and psychological factors that extenuate the moral guilt". The document also reflects nuances

in doctrinal thinking on the com-mandment "thou shall not kill", for example with regard to suicide. In the previous catechism, drawn up before the first world war the church declared that "suicide is a sin like murder because God alone is master of our Continued on page 16, col 3

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CAROL LEONARD ment shared responsibility NW11. dian's armunem and govern- 30 Temple Fortune Lane.

Behind closed doors, the secret cabinet battle over Tory policy

TWO battles are being fought inside the Conservative Party over Europe. One is being waged in the open across the political landscape, with the fallen heroes of the past, such as Baroness Thatcher and Sir Edward Heath, assisted by groups of backbenchers.

Their arena is the television and radio studio or the press. Their weapons are the soundbite and the well-turned

But there is another struggle, in private, behind the closed doors of Whitehall. News from the front is shadowy. A reverse for the prime minister. A clash between Michael Heseltine and Norman Lamont Rumours sweep Westminster and the City only to falter under the doctrine of collective cabinet responsibility. Yet it is this debate that mainly will determine the outcome.

The issue has not come out of the blue. The tortuous story of Britain's relations with the European Community has been a formative influence on the whole of the present cabinet. Many first became politically active in the 1960s when the tide of fashionable opinion in the Bow Group and other bodies of ambitious young Tories was strongly in



For the treaty: Clarke, Heseltine and Hurd

favour of entry.
All ministers have had to take a stance on Europe some time in their careers. Michael Heseltine. President of the Board of Trade, and Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, voted in favour in the original Commons votes on entry in Arguments over Europe

played an important part in the coup against Lady Thatcher in November 1990. Mr Clarke and Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, were prominent in urging her to stand down after the first ballot and might have re-signed if she had not. David Hunt, the Welsh Secretary, was the sole member of the cabinet to back Heseltine. Positions were also taken

up last November and De-

cember over the Maastricht agreement. John Major was careful to ensure that he had the support of the full cabinet and this would not have been achieved without the opt-outs on economic and monetary union and on the social charter, which subdued the sceptics in the government and ensured that there were no resignations.

It is a mistake to characterise the division as just between Euro-enthusiasts and Euro-sceptics. Instead, there is a spectrum of views though not federalist, to the dubious, though not overtly hostile to membership. A majority of the cabinet broadly backs Mr Major's view that Britain must be seen to be "at the very heart of Europe".

Public debate over Maastricht is only the surface of the conflict for the Eurosoul of Conservatism, write Nicholas Wood and Peter Riddell

They are worried that, because of differences in the party, the government may edge away from this commitment. At last Thursday's cabinet meeting, a majority of ministers wanted a clear pledge that Britain would reenter the exchange rate mechanism (ERM) before long.
Similarly, they believe that ratifying the Maastricht treaty, with the British opt-outs, is still the best way forward, even if no action is possible until after the Danish position is clarified.

The most prominent leaders of the EC supporters backing Maastricht are Mr Clarke, Mr Heseltine, and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Mr Clarke was said yesterday to have urged a quick return to the ERM. John MacGregor, transport secretary, and a possible chancellor, is regarded by Euro-sceptics as for Maastricht and the ERM.

varying degrees of enthusi-asm, include Mr Rifkind. William Waldegrave, minis ter for the citizen's charter, John Patten, education secretary, Virginia Bottomley. health secretary, John Gummer, agriculture minister. Anthony Newton, leader of the Commons, David Mellor, national heritage secretary. and Mr Hunt.

Mr Major, as belits his background in the whips' office, is inclined to find the centre of gravity in his cabinet and the party before declaring his hand. The centre ground is also occupied by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancelland Chan lor, Lord Wakeham, the Lords leader, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.
The Euro-sceptics

under-represented in the cabinet by comparison with their numbers on the backbenches.





Against closer links: Portillo, Lilley and Howard

More than 80 Tory MPs signed the Commons motion calling for a "fresh start" over Europe after Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty, though at most 30 MPs have defied the whips on any Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, Peter Lilley, social security secretary and Michael Howard, environment secretary, have made no secret of their opposition to closer European integration in Brussels. They have so far made little headway, but after the extraordinary events of last week, they appear to have gained a powerful recruit.

In the 1980s. Norman Lamont, the chancellor, was no friend of fixed exchange rates and did not share Nigel Lawson's view in 1989 that

standing aside from the ERM was a resigning matter. But Lamont, who tried to make Mr Major's ERM policy work, never dissented and only a few weeks ago categorically dismissed any alternative to the ERM. In the eyes of the Eurosceptics, we are now seeing Mr Lamont reverting to his earlier stance. They have been heartened by his defence of floating and his readiness to regard the French vote as a significant brake on the road to Euro-

pean union. We are floating and we will set monetary policy in this country to meet our objectives...It will be a British economic policy and a British monetary policy," he said. By suggesting that public opin-

Europe's leaders could prostrengthened his Euro-sceptic credentials.

One reason why there has not been more backbench pressure on Mr Lamont to resign over the ERM debacle is that many Tory MPs regard him as the man best equipped to manage his party's return to its monetarist past. In the eyes of their supporters, Mr Portillo, Mr Lilley and Mr Howard have not acquitted themselves with honour, although Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley attended a meeting of rebel ministers in the summer to press for the scrapping of the treaty. But they could voice coded

Mr Howard has been the quickest to catch the new mood in the party. Although the least forthcoming of the cabinet Euro-sceptics in the internal debate about the direction of the government's economic and European policy, he amazed his cabinet colleagues by the vehemence with which he led last week's charge against an early return to the ERM. His friends say he would be happy to see both the ERM and the treaty fade

Rebels with a cause go on war footing

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE group of Conservative opposition to the Maastricht permanent break with the European exchange-rate mechanism is to hold a council of war tonight on the eve of the Commons debate on the de-

valuation of sterling.
The group, whose inner core is made up of the 22 Tory MPs who voted against the Maastricht bill at second reading in May, plans to put itself

on a permanent footing and to elect an official leadership. Michael Spicer, a former minister and an outspoken critic of the government's European policies, is expected

to be named as chairman. Christopher Gill, Tory MP for Ludlow, and James Cran, Tory MP for Beverley, are tipped to become joint secretaries of the group.
The three MPs were the chief architects of the Com-

mons motion in June that embarrassed the prime minister by calling for a "fresh start" over Europe in the wake of Denmark's rejection of the treaty. They gained more than 80 signatures from Tory MPs and provoked a fierce backlash from government whips. Mr Major rebuked the rebels for their naivety.

Over the summer, the group

styled itself as the "suicide squad", a tongue-in-cheek reflection of the readiness of its

ical ambitions for the antifederalist cause. In future, it intends to be known as "Fresh start", a reference to the Commons motion that led the whips to warn many of the 24 new MPs among the signato-ries that they had put paid to their hopes of climbing the ministerial ladder.

About 15 to 20 rebels are expected at the Rodin restaurant in Millbank, London, to chart the course of the group and plot tactics for the Commons debate. They are plan-ning to issue a "manifesto" later setting out the approach to adopt. They plan to hold a further meeting at the Commons on Thursday morning sympathetic MPs. They claim the support of about 50 Tories.

The latest moves in the anti-Maastricht camp will be regarded with dismay by the prime minister and the government whips. Mr Major is seeking to prevent the renewed wrangling inside his party erupting into open civil war. He will be disappointed but not surprised to find that his most vociferous critics are digging in for a long campaign against him. However, he will not face an immediate revolt in the debate on the government motion approving the change of economic

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Commons dirt may now stick to yesterday's Teflon man

Peter Riddell

reports on the

difficulties that a

chastened prime

minister faces

tomorrow

expressed throughout Europe

about excessive centralisation

and to deal with the specific

concerns of the Danes (whose

white paper should be pub-lished before then).

Mr Major will argue that

the recent European votes on

Maastricht show that British

reservations, and opt-outs, were, and are, justified - that

his government's version of a

Community based on co-oper-

ation rather than central-

On the ERM, he, and

Norman Lamont, the Chan-

cellor, who will wind up the

debate tomorrow evening, will

have to clarify the uncertainty

about when, and whether,

sterling will re-enter. That

date has been pushed to the

indefinite future by Mr

Lamont, to the pleasure of

many Tory MPs, though a

majority of the cabinet want

isation has been vindicated.

SIR Edward Heath has developed a skill for getting under the skin of his successors. Until recently he had backed John Major, mainly because he replaced Baroness Thatcher. But this week he turned on Mr Major, accusing him of a "vacuum of leadership" over European policy, by failing to press ahead rapidly with Com-mons ratification of the Maas-

The charge epitomises the challenge Mr Major faces when he addresses the Commons tomorrow afternoon. It will be the most difficult speech of his prime ministerial career. Although not a natural Commons performer, he has seldom been under severe pressure, because of his conciliatory style and his personal popularity and, since April 9, because of the confidence produced by his election victory.

However, two of the main props of his premiership — belonging to the exchangerate mechanism and being "at the very heart of Europe" have now either collapsed or been severely shaken. In place of clearly defined strategies. there have been tactical manocurres to preserve party unity. He has appeared like a leader at the mercy of events. facing differences within his own cabinet and parliamentary party, and preferring to defer difficult decisions on the timing of Commons ratification, rather than to confront

Mr Major will have to satisfy several different audiences — his own party, the Commons as a whole and the public watching on television. But his task will be the same, to show that he is in charge. His main priority will be to state what the government's

Mr Major and Mr Lamont MAJORS * will also seek to bridge the jump from their unequivocal commitment to the ERM, up CHALLENGE to a week ago, and then subsequent attempt to defend a floating regime as equally workable. Yesterday's one point cut in interest rates will be welcomed by Tory MPs. but the prime minister and Chancellor will have to ex-

plain why this was not previ-

ously possible under a fixed rate system they then defended. policies are in face of the recent setbacks. On Europe, he will have to Both ministers will stress that the government's goal remains the same bearing reconcile the call by EC foreign ministers for early progress on ratification with his own desire for a pause for down on inflation (though with no talk this week about reconsideration. In his speech, zero inflation) to create condihe will point to the special EC tions for sustainable growth. heads of government council But this will mean caution in London next month as the about cutting interest rates opportunity to review the ERM, to examine the worries and a tough public spending

round.

This combination of earlier hopes of economic recovery and vagueness about the timing of ERM re-entry and about where any public spending squeeze will fall should see Mr Major through with his own side. The whips have had time to rally support and Labour has its own divisions. While tomorrow will be John Smith's Commons debut as Leader of the Opposition, it is the ideal occasion for a display of the forensic skills of exposing the weaknesses of the government's case which he deployed so successfully dur-

Mr Major's real difficulty is more one of personal authority. He is no longer the Tellon leader. He is not used to a rough ride in the Commons. For the first time, he may be laughed at and ridiculed by MPs.

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Contrasts continue to thrive

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE European Community is a collection of disparate nations with striking contrasts in areas as diffuse as illegitimate births and trade balances, ac-cording to the latest batch of EC statistics published yesterday. Euro-sceptics will no doubt take heart from the report, which shows that differences are not just economic. Nearly 28 per cent of

British babies are born outside wedlock, compared with 2 per cent in

France is the best place in the EC to be a woman, with life expectancy of 80.9 years, compared with 78.7 in Britain and 77 in Ireland. Men live longest in The Netherlands, with an average life expectancy of 73.8 years compared with 73.1 in Britain.

Scotland and the north of England account for the highest numbers of deaths from lung cancer, with more than 80 out of 100,000 people dying from the disease.

Britain trails behind Germany and France in its balance of trade figures. In 1990 Britain had a trade deficit of Ecu 31,872 million (£24,706 million) compared with a surplus of Ecu 47.424 million in Germany. France had a deficit of Ecu 17,278

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Smith struggles

BOUGHEADERS IN A STATE

Nuance is everything in the struggle for a coveted place in the corridors of power, Philip Webster reports

THE Labour leader appears to have an easier job than the prime minister in handling

party management problems over Europe. But in the labyrinthine world of Labour politics nothing is ever simple. As they vie for coveted places on Labour's ruling national executive or in the shadow cabinet, the party's senior politicians know that nuance is everything. Those who want to awold being painted into one camp or the other are loath even to disclose personal

exchange-rate mechanisms. Neither is Europe the gut issue for Labour that it is for the Tories. John Smith inherited a party leadership that had become steadily more pro-European under Neil Kinnock and he had played a significant role in the adoption of that stance.

opinions on matters such as

Maastricht referendums and

Labour's economic and foreign policies are closely intertwined. The party embraced the exchange-rate mechanism because it gave credibility to its assertion that an election victory would not have meant a return to 1970s inflation. The shadow cabinet pro-

Europeans are headed by Mr

Smith, Gordon Brown, the

shadow chancellor, Tony Blair, shadow home secretary. Jack Cunningham, shadow foreign secretary, Ann Taylor, shadow education secretary. Donald Dewar, shadow social security secretary, and Harriet Harman, shadow chief secre-tary. Mo Mowiam, the citizen's charter spokesman, and Chris Smith, the environmental protection spokesman, can be put in the integrationist category but they do not necessarily accept that all is good in the Maastricht treaty. Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish secretary, is thought to belong there as well.

The keenest of all is proba-bly Ann Clwyd, the shadow Welsh secretary, whose experience as a member of the European Parliament converted her from a serious doubter into an enthusiast who now argues for greater powers for Strasbourg.

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There is a second group which can be termed the "converts", people who in the past were doubtful about the European Community but now accept it with varying degrees of enthusiasm. Into this camp can be placed Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, Jack Straw, the shadow Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, David Clark, the shadow defence secretary. and Robin Cook, the shadow

industry secretary.
Then come the Eurosceptics. Bryan Gould is the most uncompromising and remains the most likely casualty of a confrontation between the leadership and the rebels. He has long been associated with opposition to the old Common Market and through the summer he has been calling on Labour to vote

against Maastricht. Also firmly in the anti-Maastricht camp are John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, Michael Meacher. shadow overseas development spokesman, and David Bhinkett, shadow health secretary. Mr Meacher, like Mr Gould, believes in a Maastricht referendum.

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Clwyd: supports more power for Strasbourg

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Kohl and Mitterrand work to sweeten a treaty gone sour

PROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, visited the Elysée Palace yesterday to consult President Mitterrand of France on ways of making the Maastricht treaty more palatable to the people and the British in particular, as observers spoke of a twin-track
Europe developing.

"Expect a calming signal,"
said a presidential official as

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the two men, pillars of the past decade, spent two hours inspecting the debris from last week's monetary earthquake and the reluciant 'yes' of the French referendum. Herr Kohl made no comment as he left, but officials predicted an initiative in the coming days.

Officially, the pair are trying to find ways of making the Community more democratic and to answer anxieties about sovereignty which have eruptsovereignly which have erupted in France and have long fuelled British scepticism. They were also trying to work out a way of extending a warmer welcome to those seeking to join the EC. It was a matter of "correcting" and absolutely not of renegotiating the treaty, officials said. Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, an advocate of rapid ratification and advocate of rapid ratification and account of the European Commission. tion, said renegotiation would open a Pandora's box.

French officials said the two leaders were keen to help John Major in his efforts to sell the Maastricht treaty to his people. However there were

indications that France and Germany are determined to force the pace on ratification. even it it means ultimately allowing Britain to drift into a second tier over applying the economic discipline to bring currencies into line. Financial experts across the Community were yesterday sketching scenarios for an inner core con-sisting of France, Germany and the Benefux trio—and an

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would include Britain.

Bonn announced that parliament would start examining the treaty on October 8, a week ahead of the emergency EC summit in Britain that Mr Major has called. Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand are said to be worried that with the direction of the Community in doubt, Mr Major, as current president, could take the EC towards the British vision of Europe. This, as the French see it, amounts to a vast freetrade zone untrammelled by the federal-style political links with which France and German want to bind the EC.

Facing mounting domestic hostility to the idea of aban-doning the mark, Herr Kohl was said to be considering a change in the Maastricht timetable, putting off the date for a single currency until the next century. Björn Engholm, the leader of Germany's oppo-

sition Social Democrats has suggested that the clause imposing transition to a common currency should be removed.

Changing the timetable for a single currency could also answer French fears of submission to a German-domi-nated central bank. France and Germany remain deeply committed to the European monetary system as the way to ensure economic stability. If Britain and other countries prefer to apply other criteria and stay outside, then so be it, said one French official. Yesterday the Bank of France had to intervene on

foreign exchange markets for the fourth successive day to defend the franc. The priority, the French and Germans say, the French and Germans say, remains adjusting the Maas-tricht treaty as it exists in order to save it. This means giving clearer definition to the vague sections outlining the compe-tence of the various supranational bodies. Elisabeth Guigou. France's minister of European affairs, said yester-day the Community "must be less technocratic and more democratic and take better account the daily concerns about social problems, unemployment, the environment and health".

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Public backs away from Bonn's vision of closer union

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE German government promised yesterday to ratify an unaltered Maastricht treaty by the end of the year, despite clear signs that public opinion here is swinging rapidly against the idea of European union. Even pro-government newspapers such as Die Welt are now calling for fresh negotiations, while a Wicken Institute poll yesterday showed 84 per cent want a referendum.

The first opinion poll on European anitudes published since the French referendum. appearing in Stern magazine today, shows that scarcely one voter in three would support the Maastricht treaty, while almost three-quarters object to giving up the mark. These findings are in stark contrast to a similar poll by Wickert last weekend, which found that almost two out of three then supported doser European

Newspapers and senior pol-iticians from all parties in-creasingly are backing the British line for slowing down the unification process, particularly on the monetary side. because of the deep and widespread public concern about losing the mark.

The Suddeutsche Zeitung felt that the common currency was already lost. Since unification, the paper said, Germany, which had been the leading preacher against ex-travagance had become a heavy borrower and now, by virtue of its economic dominance, was burdening the rest of Europe with its fiscal sins.

Die Welt saw it as idealism for Bonn to pretend there was still life left in Maastricht. Those countries influenced by the British were far more realistic, the paper said, and it was clear that Britain would not continue the ratification process unless and until a Danish "yes" changed the legal basis of the treaty.

The General-Anzeiger, in a feature on John Major, said the prime minister does not command a majority today inside the cabinet, his party or the country. Asking him to save Maastricht now was asking him to square a circle, the paper said.

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All this makes bleak reading for Helmut Kohl, who faces an uphill struggle at home to popularise his vision of European union as a cornerstone of peace and prosperity in the world. He aims to do this by attacking what he calls the bureaucratic moloch" (monster) in Brussels and supporting the concept of a "Europe of the regions". He hopes to prove that the EC is not a centralised institution intent on harmonising national identities and destroying local

languages, culture and cuisine.
On Friday Herr Kohl will report to the Bundestag on his visit to Paris yesterday, made in an effort to relaunch the momentum for Europe alongside President Mitterrand. Some commentators, however, already see the trip to Paris as misjudged. Herr Kohl's personal support for the "yes" campaign in France was widely seen there as interference in the domestic affairs of another country and may well have influenced the size of the "no"

The chancellor was also criticised here for appearing on French television to talk about Europe at a time when he was conspicuously absent from German screens to talk about right-wing hooligans. By continuing to devote so much time to European affairs rather than confronting domestic problems, Herr Kohl risks giving the lie to the idea that he is promoting

Britain accused of having hidden agenda

Pressure on Major intensifies

THE air in Brussels is thick with vengeful criticism of Britain for failing to help its European Community part-ners to isolate Denmark.

As Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrived in New York to chair a special meeting of the EC foreign ministers, a cial said: Everyone else agreed to go ahead last June, Britain refused. We have all gone to great lengths to have speed. But if that speed is zero, then we need a smaller Community.

Diplomats and officials now readily suggest that Britain has a hidden agenda of prevarication over the treaty which is being used to undermine the entire Community system. The rift between Britain. Denmark and the EC majority led by France and Germany has been waiting to open since June and erupted in New York on Monday. The foreign ministers' communique was designed to embarrass Britain by making explicit reference to the treaty's article "R" which foresees, but does not compel, ratification by year's end. But, in the wake of the French referendum and the

ERM disaster, ministers are edging closer towards urging substantial changes to the treaty. As the majority set the EC's face against "reopening the present text". Mr Major called for a rethink, Mr Hurd played subtle word games with hints about rewriting and



Divisions between Britain, Denmark and other EC members over ratification are widening, writes George Brock from Brussels

Garel-Jones, his lieutenant, made clear that the Maasreturn to the Commons before the new year at the earliest. Pouring fuel on the fire, Poul Schlueter, the Danish prime minister, yesterday con-

firmed that he would not call another Maastricht referendum until general changes had been inserted into the treaty. The EC's pro-Maastricht majority is confident that Denmark can be bypassed, blackmailed or bludgeoned into submission if it tries to stand alone against the treaty coming into force, although nobody has yet explained how this conjuring trick would work. Britain is the target of so much bitterness largely because two states could truly delay or block Maastricht beyond rescue.

Relations between the British and German governments went sour before the tensions between London and the Bundesbank broke the surface ten days ago. German sources say that Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, who delivered vital last-minute help to Mr Major at the Maastricht summit, was appalled by a



Schlueter: demanding change before new vote

speech delivered by the prime minister in London on September 7. Although the speech backed Maastricht and ruled out a British referendum, its tone was agnostic. Worse, Mr Major singled out for praise the parts of the treaty which stand outside the EC Commission and the European Court of Justice.

Liberated a little by the trauma of the ERM crisis, the prime minister developed the point in television interviews at the weekend. The treaty, he said, "provides for the development of European policies

outside the Treaty of Rome . We have sought that, as British policy, for years. The Maastricht treaty .. enables us

to have greater co-ordination. a greater relationship with our European partners without the paraphernalia and diffi-culties of going right through the European Commission itself." As one German observer remarked: "Your prime minister apparently believes that the outside the EC." Mr Major is talking heresy

against the official orthodoxy of German political life that ever-doser European union is a desirable end and that an EC with supra-national powers is the way to achieve it. Herr Kohl is flexibly pragmatic on the details and pace of integration but determined to demonstrate that Germany will submerge itself in a European federal system. He may have shown an avuncular sympathy towards Mr Major at Maastricht, but he cannot be seen to stand too close to a British prime minister suspected of outright sabotage.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, meanwhile has signalled that he will defend the Commission's ground on subsidiarity by appointing Francois Lamoureux as "Mr Subsidiarity". M Lamoureux, on the Commission's legal staff and close to M Delors, was the author of his most ambitious but largely unsuccessful power bids in last year's Maastricht negotiations.

Britain needs to find middle way

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND DAVID WATTS

BRITISH preparations for the special European Community summit on October 16 will focus on how best to allay the fears of Danish voters about the Maastricht treaty. In the run-up to the meeting British diplomats will need to find a middle way between

starkly contradictory stances: the first that there can be no renegotiation of the treaty; and the second that the door must be left open for the Danes. Poul Schlueter, the Danish prime minister, will meet John Major in London on September 30, and British officials are taking comfort from Mr Schlueter's indicathat he is seeking to

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treaty rather than revamp it The two men will find they have a lot in common. The

Danes are seeking many things that would go a long way to meet British concerns about the treaty as it now stands, such as more openness and democracy in the Community decision-making

Britain expects that all EC leaders will recognise the need to make Maastricht more acceptable to public opinion. Whitehall officials said the real battle now would be to win acceptance in Britain.

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Cautious welcome for mortgage cut

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies and housing market analysts were cautiously welcoming the I per cent base rate cut and subsequent 0.75 per cent mortgage rate cut last night as a possible turning point in

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the housing market. After three years of falling house prices, mortgage rates are returning to the level of the summer of 1988. But no increase in house prices is expected next year by stockbroker UBS Phillips & Drew, even if base rates fall by one more percentage point before the end of the year and mortgages follow them

down. John Wriglesworth, building society analyst said: "The mortgage rate cut is very good news, as is the prospect of more cuts however the fundamental problems of the housing market remain the

"On any test of affordability the housing market has been set to recover since do not want to take on larger the end of 1991. It has been

Before there can be a held back by lack of confidence. People do not want to buy and find out six months recovery large numbers of repossessed, newly-built and inherited properties have to later that their investment has disappeared and they are be sold, said Mr Wriglestrapped into a property. They are also worried that they are worth. These are overhanging the market and going to lose their jobs and depressing prices. There are

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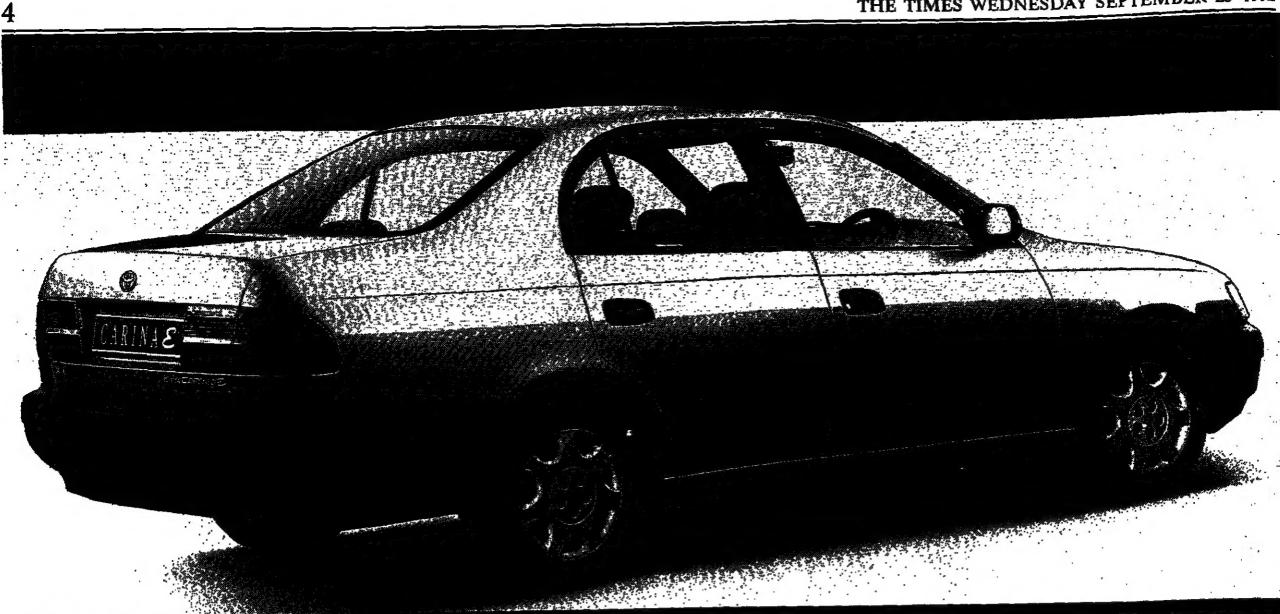
Adrian Coles, chief econo-

mist at the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said the base rate cut was not enough to stimulate the housing market without any further government action. But he added that the longer the recession in the housing market continued, there would be increasing numbers of people who had put off buying a property who would eventually decide that they could put it off no longer. "They will decide they cannot live with their parents foreveror put off having a family any

longer."
Neville Simms, chief executive of Tarmac, Britain's biggest housebuilder, said more action was required to revive the construction and housebuilding industry.

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No 10 and Tory chiefs insist that the party will not pass judgment on heritage secretary

Major renews backing for Mellor amid job rumours

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

DOWNING Street yesterday brushed aside suggestions that David Mellor was about to resign after the libel action featuring evidence that he had accepted a family holiday ended inconclusively. The prime minister's con-

tinuing support for the national heritage secretary was underlined amid a new wave of reports suggesting that he would be forced to stand

As friends of Mr Mellor voiced some relief at the outcome of the Mona Bauwens libel trial, which ended in a hung jury, there

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was also concern that the possibility of a second hearing would leave doubts about him for months. Downing Street said that John Major backed Mr Mellor's judgment that he was not obliged to report the gift of a holiday.

Mr Mellor denied that he would resign. He made his declaration as he arrived for lunch with the Princess of Wales and 13 other guests at the headquarters of the Aris Council in London.



Mellor: "Definitely

chauffeur-driven car into the building he was asked by reporters: "Are you going to resign?" He replied with a smile: "Definitely not." The lunch, described as a private function, was to celebrate the council's Year of Dance, of which the princess is patron.

It is clear that several influ-ential Tory MPs have privately expressed the view that Mr Mellor should stand down before the party conference. They say that, with the government under pressure on the economy. Mr Mellor's departure al would at least remove one source of embarrassment at the conference. But it was denied that an assessment by the Conservative whips suggested that this was the opinion of most Tory MPs.

Senior cabinet ministers spoke of a vendetta in the tabloid press against Mr Mellor. Conservative central office denied a report that Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, thought he should go. It was said that Sir Norman's conclusion remained that there was no pressure from the party for Mr Mellor to step down.

Bryan Gould, the shadow

national heritage secretary, questioned Mr Major about the evidence during the trial that Mr Mellor had accepted gifts of substantial value while a minister. Mr Gould said the gifts "were apparently made in the context of a relationship which might give rise to some concern about influence that might have been brought to bear".

He said that the rules of ministerial conduct required that gifts of that sort should be reported to the prime minister for his approval. Mr Gould asked Mr Major in a letter been made to him and what he proposed to do about it. Downing Street said that

Mr Major accepted Mr Mellor's judgment that he was not under an obligation to report the gift because he did not believe that he was compromised by it.



Court room junkies flock to see the invisible man

By Tim Jones

STRANGER stumbling into court 11 might reasonably have expected to see David Mellor in the witness box. He was the man who ensured that there was standing room only, even though he never appeared. His name and the unspo-

ken and totally unproven whiff of sexual impropriety with the daughter of a senior PLO member - the judge called it "hanky panky" - had been enough to ensure a dedicated band of professional court room junkles had travelled the length of the land to book their seats.

At least one of those in the public seats has been to such grand occasions so often that Lord Lane, the former Lord Chief Justice, said on retirement that he had used his facial expressions as a barometer of how a case was going. For that man and the others

who share his hobby, there

mix of an already troubled holiday paid for by the daughter of a man whose organis-ation had sided with the enemy during the Gulf war. There was more to the case for them than a minister visiting a lady in her London flat for

tea and a chat. They were also attracted by a clash of the legal titans, George Carman, QC, for the defence and Richard Hartley, QC, for the beautiful, self assured and wealthy Mona Bauwens, who said her life had been ruined by the article

If, as Mr Hartley told me, they enjoy each other's com-pany socially, they could both have made an easy living in Hollywood, At times, the friction between the two men in

court appeared to border on mutual contempt. They bickered and argued and fell out petulantly over minor details. After accusing Mr Carman of giving his client a verbal mugging. Mr Hartley pro-ceeded to accuse his adversary of being cruel, cowardly and behaving like a stand-up comic in a music hall. Enough to test any friendship.

Mr Carman argued that the story lay within the interest of the public, who had the right to know a government minis-ter was behaving like an ostrich with his head in the sand "exposing his thinking parts". He said freedom of the press to fair comment would be risked if the jury found inst his client.

against his cuem.

Mr Hartley said the article was a piece of tittle tattle which did not for a second warrant his client being harmed because of the alleged sins of her father.

Trusted financier shows softer image BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN

NICOSIA AND ALFRED HERMIDA IN TUNIS

LIKE several of the most successful of his generation of dispossessed Palestinians, Jaweed al-Ghussein, the father of Mona Bauwens, is a self-made millionaire who studied in Cairo, established a booming business in the Gulf. and then put his expertise to work for the national cause.

Mr al-Ghussein, 62, was elected chairman of the Palestine National Fund in 1984, effectively making him its finance minister.

He is among the few people that Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), entrusts with the organisation's finances. Mr al-Ghussein is one of the three signatories needed to withdraw money from PLO bank accounts and is responsible for investments valued at \$2 billion to \$6 billion.

Although a long-standing

PLO LINK

friend of Mr Arafat. Mr al-Ghussein is an independent within the organisation and widely respected by all its bickering factions as a man of integrity and as a philanthropist. His nephew is a member of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks in Washington. Mr al-Ghussein first met

Mr Arafat in 1952 when they were fellow students in Cairo. "We were very good friends," Mr al-Ghussein told *The* Times in an interview yesterday. He studied economics while Mr Arafat, a year older, took an engineering degree. Today they cut very different figures. While the stubbly

PLO leader in his combat fatigues cultivates the image of a fighter, Mr al-Gussein, who is always immaculately dressed in a business suit projects a side of the organisation less known in the West.

Relentless terrier with a silken tongue

BY FRANCES CIRR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SUDDENLY, George Carman, QC, is the barrister every client has to hire. On the crest of a series of high-profile cases he has shot to the top of the public's league table of leading lawyers. But what is the view of Mr Carman's profes-

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Richard Hartley, QC, left no doubt this week as to what he thought of his rival's performance. In the closing speeches

CARMAN, QC

of the Mona Bauwens' libel accused Mr Carman, a "past master of the wink wink, nudge nudge" style, of indulg-ing in "classic smear tactics". He said Mr Carman had behaved like a card un orgin behaved like a stand-up comic or the ringmaster of a music hall act. He had subjected his client to a "verbal mugging" in an attack that was both "cruel and cowardly",

His view struck a chord with one or two other lawyers who have been on the receiv-ing end of Mr Carman's silver-tongued advocacy.

"He is a very good, effective

lawyer," one solicitor said.
"Maybe because of his diminutive stature |Mr Carman is 5ft 3in tall| he uses his outstanding ability with language to make up for it and Another QC who has faced

Mr Carman in court said: "He is relentless, terrier-like, he get's hold of someone's trou-sers or skirt and doesn't let

Anne Rafferty, QC, acknow-ledged his ability, saying: "He is very much the old school: calm, dignified, very smooth, very powerful, quick as a flash. He can always make the witness look like the aggressor or a rude bully." Peter Carter-Ruck, the lead-ing libel solicitor, said: "He is

first choice in any criminal case. He is prepared to sail very close to the wind of what is acceptable and in crossexamination can get pretty near being offensive."
Charles Gray, QC. said:

"He is first and foremost a jury advocate. His strength is to put things to a jury in a way

Doctors secretly flew out to operate on Saddam deputy

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

A PRIVATE British medical team flew secretly to Jordan late last month to operate on President Saddam Hussein's hardline number two, Izzat Ibrahim, deputy chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council.

The secret mission coincided with a Whitehall pledge that Iraq would never return to the international community while two Britons remained subject to "grotesque" prison sentences for illegally crossing the border.

Michael Wainwright, a long distance cyclist, was jailed for ten years and Paul Ride, a catering manager, for seven years. Both sentences, approved at the top level of the Iraqi regime, were considered to be politically motivated. An official at the British

embassy in Ammansaid: "The participation of a British team was not something about which we were ever notified, let alone approved. In the context of United Nations sanctions, a privately arranged and performed operation like this is a grey area The Jordanian government

has not publicised the hernia operation performed on Mr Ibrahim during the last weekend in August. The Iraqi embassy in Jordan denies he was in the country. A Jordanian doctor said the British team of a surgeon.

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anaesthetist and nurse was flown out to Amman and performed the operation at the Queen Alia military hospital. The identities of the medical team have not been revealed. The patient was registered under a false name. After nearly two weeks recu-

perating at the official guest palace in Amman, Mr Ibrahim, 54, returned by road to Baghdad last Wednesday. He was widely reviled in the West as the official who gave a much photographed public embrace to Crown Prince Saad al-Sabah of Kuwait at talks in Saudi Arabia less than 24 hours before Iraqi forces invaded in August, 1990.

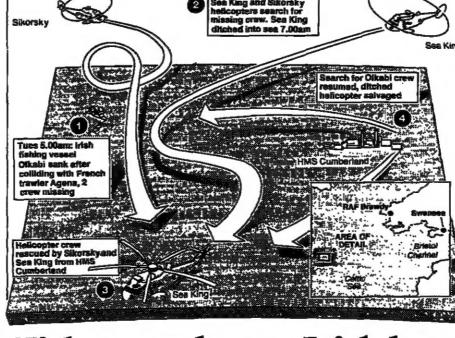
Mr Ibrahim was named as deputy commander-in-chief of the Iraqi armed forces after last year's Gulf war defeat, but because of his indifferent health he is not seen as a potential successor to

"The operation on Mr Ibrahim was arranged directly between Baghdad and connects in Britain. As far as we know, the British team only knew when they left that they would be operating on a top Iraqi official. It was not until they arrived here that they found out who he was," the Jordanian doctor added.

He said that the British team had had contacts with the Iraqi regime dating from "the good old days" before the invasion of Kuwait when London was the favourite venue for top Iraqis seeking medical treatment.

An Amman-based diplomat said: "It is part of Saddam's overall scheme to maintain loyalty to see that his cronies are all right whatever the cost and problems. I would not have expected British doctors to be co-operating so readily at

Iraq has frequently complained of severe shortages of medical supplies since sanctions were imposed. Foreign currency shortages have made it difficult for Baghdad to buy enough medicines or to update surgical equipment.



Fishermen lost as Irish boat collides with French trawler

By BILL FROST

feared drowned last night after their vessel collided with a French trawler in the Bristol Channel 70 miles west of Lundy. An RAF helicopter involved in the search was later forced to ditch in heavy seas, but the crew escaped unhurt.

TWO Irish fishermen were

The fishing boat Orchadee sank after a collision with the French trawler Agena. The lost men were named last night as James Power, 28, the skipper, and Robert Doran, 19, both from Dunmore East. co. Waterford. A third crewman, Ken Pearce. 23, from co. Wexford, was flown to hospital by an Irish Navy rescue

helicopter. Mr Pearce said he was on watch in the wheelhouse when the two boats collided early yesterday morning. His two crewmates were below in their bunks and came on deck when they were woken by the

impact. He tried to unfasten a life raft but the skipper told him to put on a lifejacket instead. Then Jimmy and Bobby

went below again to get their

lifejackets as I went over the

side. I think they made it to the deck again and went over too, but I never saw them again," The weather deteriorated

yesterday afternoon and an air and sea search was scaled down as dusk fell. A coastguard spokesman said the fishermen's chances of survival were very slim.

The four-man crew of the RAF Sea King helicopter, who had scrambled to take part in the search early yesterday, were rescued after the pilot detected smoke and decided to ditch close to HMS Cumberland, 65 miles south of Mil-Two men were winched to

safety by an Irish helicopter while the others were taken aboard the warship.

Capt Derek Anthony of the Cumberland said: "We understand there was a problem with the gearbox of the Sea King and a smell of burning. Two crew jumped out on the orders of the pilot and it ditched shortly afterwards." The crew had breakfast on the ship and were then flown ashore for medical checks.

A salvage operation was

launched during the after-noon. A Chinook helicopter was used to lift the ditched aircraft to Pembroke Dock for transfer to RAF Brawdy in

Sqn Ldr Jerry English, in charge of RAF Brawdy helicopters, said the aircraft ditched several hours after it had become involved in the search. The four crewmen were in the water for only about five or ten minutes, and none was hurt, he said. At Brawdy, the Sea King's

crew said 12ft waves had battered the helicopter as they escaped through a hatch into liferafts. They described sea and weather conditions at the time as "preny appalling". Three rescue helicopters

were involved in the search as well as the Cumberland, two Irish naval vessels and a lifeboat from Rosslare, co. Wexford.

A Royal Navy survey ship. HMS Roebuck, was brought in to scan the seabed for wreckage. By late afternoon the search area had been narrowed to 40 square miles and wreckage from the Orchadee was found.

Universities usher in era of competition UNIVERSITY vice-chancelwith the promotion of poly-

lors will usher in a new era at their annual meeting in Exeter today (John O'Leary The bureaucratic change,

which involves welcoming into membership erstwhile rivals from the polytechnics, is symptomatic of a more fundamental shift. The vice-chancellors will be grappling with creating a different type of higher education system. Old certainties conferred by

the university tide will no longer hold good. The traditional universities, meeting for the last time, will have to compete in the pecking order as well as for scarce funding. As one hierarchy disappears

technics, another is emerging. A more selective distribution of research funds will leave most universities reliant on the number of students they teach. Graeme Davies, chief execu-

tive of the new funding council covering all English universities, can expect a tough time from those of his former colleagues who do not relish the prospect of running institutions gradually stripped of much of their research capability. For most vice-chancellors, the meeting will be about adapting by squeezing in more students while preserving standards.

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Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 10.0 per cent to 9.0 per cent p.a. with effect from the close of business on Tuesday 22 September 1992.

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Cancer patients seek compensation for radiotherapy error

By CRAIG SETON

SOLICITORS are seeking compensation worth millions of pounds for surviving cancer patients and the relatives of others who have died since receiving inadequate radiotherapy treatment at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary in Stoke-on-Trent.

Yesterday five solicitors representing 50 people, about half those thought to be de-manding damages, said they

North Staffordshire district health authority to accept legal liability for giving underdoses of radiotherapy. The authority said yesterday

that it was not yet certain that there was legal liability for the mistake and it would await the outcome of a clinical enquiry that had started. Of the 989 people affected

Medical physicist given her job back

error led to 1.000 cancer patients receiving the wrong radiation dose is to return to her job on Monday as head of the radiotherapy physics de-partment at North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary (Jeremy iusts the dose according to the Laurance writes). Margaret Grievson was distance of the radiation source from the skin was

THE medical physicist whose

enquiry yesterday as the person responsible for the mistake which resulted in the patients receiving up to 30 per cent less radiation than

But the enquiry report also blamed poor management and lack of clear lines of accountability. It said that Ms department after the error was

Medical physicists are responsible for controlling the doses of radiation delivered by x-ray machines. The case is the third of its kind in recent years. The error happened when a 'correction factor' which ad-

unnecessarily calculated for each patient.
Neither the radiographers
nor Ms Grievson realised that computer-controlled equipment installed in 1982 was programmed with the correction factor, so that a double fault was discovered in 1991

were preparing to launch a by the mistake over nearly ten High Court action to force the years, 598 have died. Claims for damages will be for loss of earnings, pain and suffering and the cost of additional care.

Daniel Simons, one of the solicitors, said yesterday that they were dissatisfied with the report's conclusion that an "error of professional judgment" was responsible for the miscalculation and said that he believed there had been

The solicitors said that they had access to patient records and notes and that it would not be difficult to discover the extent of inadequate treatment, although it would be more difficult to establish the

☐ A father of three whose wife received radiotherapy treatment at the hospital and later died spoke yesterday of his bitterness. Paul Munslow. 47. Blythe Bridge, Staffordshire, who is claiming compensation, lost his wife Christine, a 42-year-old teacher, in July. Her death came almost three years after she was diagnosed as having can-cer of the anus.

He said that his wife had had major surgery to remove the tumour and underwent radiotherapy to kill remaining cancer cells. She had 22 radiotherapay sessions, which later we. Found to have been 25 per cent below the pre-



All's well: John Storey, the toddler who swallowed carbolic acid at a doctors' surgery, is welcomed back home by his mother Christine after spending two weeks in hospi-tal. John. 2, drank the acid while his mother was having an injection at the surgery in York. Intensive care doctors said he had little chance of recovery. "I can't believe he's here," said Mrs Storey, 21, at her home in Bell Farm, York, yesterday. Dr Bernard Bromley, a senior partner at the surgery in Monkgate, is to be prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive.

Clarke tells police to weed out bad officers

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE commanders must deal with incompetent or lazy officers who put colleagues and the public at risk, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, yesterday told a national conference of senior

Failed officers would have to go, he said, telling delegates to the meeting of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, in Blackpool, that they had a responsibility constantly to monitor and improve the work of their staff. An annual performance appraisal was not sufficient and weaknesses had to be caught early.

Mr Clarke said proposals were on the way from the police on dealing with ineffi-cient officers. But he acknowledged there was a reluctance to act because of the risk a colleague would be sacked.

"It is quite simply not fair, either to other police officers, or to the public they serve, to put them at risk by failing to deal with poor performance."

It would be "over the top" simply to get rid of them. Their difficulties had to be

But it had to be accepted that there would be people who could never reach the required standard. After careful assessment, bad police

officers would have to go. Mr Clarke said plans to deal with inefficient officers were part of several changes. The Home Office was considering the way the police were funded by central government, assessing the future of the current police authorities system and discussing whether some forces should merge.

Mr Clarke ruled out a national police force or national detective unit. He said 90 per cent of police funding came from central govern-ment, either directly or indirectly, but the distribution of funds was decided locally.

It was curious that the Home Office could decide manpower levels for individ-ual forces. The Home Office was considering proposals which could include a straight amount of money each year and leave forces to decide how to spend it, he said.



Atlantic ban imposed on nuclear dumping

Britain will be unable to dump nuclear waste in the north Atlantic for 15 years after a flurry of last minute diplomatic haggling forged an agreement on a 14-nation marine haggling forged an agreement of dumping treaty in Paris yesterday. Environment ministers of Britain, France, Germany. Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, the Irish Republic, Spain. Denmark, Portugal, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Belgium had met to update the 20-year-old Paris and Osio conventions.

Ministers had agreed to ban most forms of sea dumping but Britain, backed by France, refused to ban dumping radioactive waste, including parts of aged atomic submatines, at sea. All sides agreed to an unconditional ban on dumping nuclear waste for all signatories except Britain and France, which accepted a 15 mars monetonium. France, which accepted a 15-year moratorium. David Maclean, the environment minister, said Britain had no intention of dumping nuclear waste but wanted the exemption in ease it became necessary to dispose of bulky objects such as unwanted submarines.

Crofters' bid fails

Crofters in the Assynt area of northwest Scotland last night Crofters in the Assynt area of northwest Scotland last night failed in their attempt to become the first crofting community to buy a Scottish estate. The agents for the 21.000-acre North Lochinver estate, put up for sale for £473,000 earlier this year after its Scandinavian owners went into liquidation, said that no offers had been acceptable. More than a hundred crofters, hoping to rid themselves of absentee landlords and run the estate for the good of the community. offered about £200.000.

Serial killing suspected

Australian police say that the murders of the two 22-year-old British women backpackers might be linked with the deaths of other young travellers in recent years and that a serial killer could be responsible. Formal identification of the body found in a shallow grave in the Australian bush, believed to be that of missing tourist Caroline Clarke, will be made today when dental records arrive from Britain. The other body found on Saturday has been identified as that of Joanne Walters, Miss Clarke's travelling companion.

Cities 'must aid arts'

Lord Gowrie, right, former arts minister, has urged British cities to match their European counterparts in supporting the arts. He said at the European Partner-ship Initiative for the Arts faunch: "The business community has kept faith with the principles of sponsorship. It is important the public authorities sustain their side of the bargain."

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Radiation link disputed

A Canadian study has failed to confirm British findings that exposure to radiation among men leads to an increased risk of leukaemia in their children. The study could be cited as evidence in a civil damages suit later this year brought by families seeking damages from British Nuclear Fuels. A team from the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation found no such association, contrary to findings by Dr Martin Gardner of the Environmental Epidemiology Unit at Southampton University.

TES award launched

The Times Educational Supplement (TES) Environment Award was launched this week at the Science Museum. It challenges children and students to use their science and technology knowledge in co-operation with local businesses to improve the environment. The TES Environment award invites groups or individuals to identify needs that can be addressed through science and technology project work. A national exhibition of completed works will be held in

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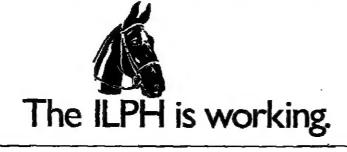
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Europe's playground in the Alps suffers torment by tourism

THE backbone of Europe is being worn away under the skis of 50 million tourists a

Delegates to an "eco-tourism" meeting in London today will hear pleas for a ban on further tourist development in much of the Alps to save the mountains from environmen-

Leading the fight to save the Alps is Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, chairman of Alp Action, who will tell the conference that "death by tourism. and over-development is one of the threats hanging over the Alps". He will urge individual EC countries to patify a proposed Alpine Convention. Experts claim that 41,000 ski lifts capable of transporting

1.5 million people an hour now criss-cross the slopes. At least half the trees in Switzerland are dying from pollution from cars or acid rain. Whole forests, which provide protec-tion from avalanches, have been cleared to make way for pistes. Artificial snow from some 5,000 snow cannon are smothering the delicate alpine flowers and grasses.

There are 405,000 kilometres of roads running through the Alps, which carry

Ski prank ends in driving ban

By Kerry Gill

A SCOTTISH teenager has been found guilty of a driving court imposed a six-month driving ban after police saw him being towed by a friend's car at up to 25mph.

The case against Desmond Cheyne, 18, had been postponed twice because of uncertainty on whether the charge constituted a careless driving offence. Alexander Colley, the procurator fiscal, told Banff Sheriff Court, Grampian, that the police had considered that the conditions on a byzass the conditions on a bypass early on a March morning were treacherous after a sudden snowstorm.

The driver, Steven Neish, 21, of Banff, pleaded guilty to careless driving and Cheyne admitted aiding and abetting him. James McNaughton, for the men, said that the road was empty and there was no danger to other people. "With hindsight, both accused very much regret that they embarked on this foolish escahe said. "This is probably the first time a case like this has been prosecuted in Scotland."

Sheriff McLernan said that the prank could have been disconcerting for other drivers. He imposed three penalty points which, under the totting up procedure, led to Cheyne being disqualified for

Afterwards, Cheyne, who works in a garage, said: "There had hardly been any snow all winter, so I had never used the skis. Then there was this sudden fall and it was too good to miss, so I got Steve to give me a tow round the

Ecologists want a ban on tourist development of the Alps before it is too late, writes Harvey Elliott

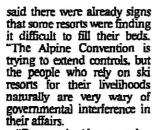
20 per cent of all passengers and 15 per cent of goods transported in Western Europe. On the St Gothard Pass alone, heavy lorries and cars deposit 30 tons of nitrogen oxide, 25 tons of hydrocarbons and 75 kilograms of lead into the atmosphere each

New threats include roller skiing on grass, mountain biking and four-wheel drive "off-road" racing in summer ski resorts now operational on 36 glaciers. Sewage services and water supplies are becoming overloaded in many resorts and chemicals are leaching into rivers and lakes.

Peter Grabowski, tourism lecturer at Luton College of Higher Education, Bedford-shire, said: "Skiing is changing the fundamental character of the Alps and its people the landscape, flora and fauna, the quality of the air and water and the quality of life of the population. Inter tourism is far more

damaging to the environment than summer tourism yet it is increasing. In the end, the attractiveness of a resort wanes. The tourist moves on to find a less crowded, less spoilt Professor David Pitt of the

Bellerive Foundation, an independent conservation group.



"Because the Alps are such a fragile environment, there is a very good argument for treat-ing them as a single unit and making very large parts a protected area."

There is a growing awareness of the complex problems among many Alpine authorities and tour operators, of whom 230 from Britain send 750,000 skiers a year to the Alos. Some towns now impose a limit on the number of tourists allowed in, others ban off-piste skiing, control new developments and insist that ski-lifts are camouflaged. The Ski Club of Great

Britain believes the sport's

popularity will continue to increase by about 5 per cent a year. The ski market is extraordinarily resilient," said the club's David Hearns. "Some resorts created their own problems when they were first built, but now they are taking great care to ensure the environment is protected."

Martin Brackenbury of the Tour Operators' Study Group

believes a new sense of environmental awareness is growing. There are many problems, but it is encourag-ing that environmental impact assessments are increasing. Overall, I am not pessimistic and hope that we can reach an agreement on how to tackle the problems together."





Toast hostess: Paula Yates at the preview of Channel 4's The Big Breakfast

Geldof takes breakfast in bed

ANYONE desperate to know about Xhosa circumcision rituals as experienced by Nelson Mandela or the Dalai Lama's attitude to sex can find the answers from next Monday on The Big Breakfast, Channel 4's new early show (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Such titbits, elicited by Bob Geldof during recorded interviews with "morally ambiguous world figures", are part of a new morning format broadcast from three converted lock-keepers' cortages at Bow. east London. Geldof, a late riser who

admits to recording the interviews shown at 8.09am, to

avoid an early start, won the £10 million contract to replace Channel 4 Daily, which attracted a meagre audience of 150,000. The former Boomtown Rat, knighted in 1986 for his Live Aid work, could be seen wincing on tape as Mr Mandela described his circumcision at the age of 16.

The Big Breakfast revolves around Chris Evans, the former GLR disc jockey, and Geldo's wife Paula Yates, who interviews celebrities live from her "boudoir" during her 20-minute "fashion and passion" slot, Cue Paula. Mark Lamarr, a comic from London's Comedy Store, has

been employed to "cause maynem for unsuspecting cit-izens" as a doorstepping and traffic-stopping roving report-er. ITN's Peter Smith will deliver tabloid-style headline news every 20 minutes. "This is zoo TV," said

Sebastian Scott, the editor. The crew will often be in shot, and if something breaks down, well, we'll film it breaking down."

Each week a different fam-

ily will participate in the show. Other features will be showbusiness gossip, house-hold tips by the famous and lovesick couples revealing how they met.

Schools halt fall in total of boarders

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LEADING independent schools have halted the decline in the number of boarding pupils. Many of the 233 members of the Headmasters' Conference, who are meeting in Bruges, have reported increased enrolment while others said they had achieved their aim of holding

numbers steady.

Boarding had been in steady decline for more than a decade, especially in the yourger age groups. The 114,294 boarders recorded in 1991 represented a drop of 3,400 on the previous year. To counter this, the schools launched a public relations campaign.

Peter Hobson, the headmaster of Giggleswick School in North Yorkshire and chairman of the conference's boarding committee, said yes-terday: "It would be foolish to be bullish in the current economic circumstances, but my own belief is that the decline is being halted and that boarding will find its proper place among families in the late 1990s. It has been hard to convince people that Tom Brown's schooldays really are dead." Peter Smith, the headmas-

ter of Bradfield College, Berkshire, said strong competition had forced boarding schools to pay more attention to parents wishes. They also had to tackle the effects of bad publicity at a few schools. Last week's resignation of David Cope, the Master of Mariborough College, in Wilt-

shire, revived the most recent example of such incidents. He faced criticism when it emerged that a 15-year-old girl, who was expelled after being found in her boy friend's study bedroom, had been prescribed contraceptive pills by the school doctor. Sir Claus Moser, the warden of Wadham College, Oxford, told the conference that

education was partly respon-sible for Britain being the most divided country in western Europe. He asked independent schools to do more to help other schools than sim-ply offer them the use of sports facilities. Many British schools were in an unacceptable condition, he said.

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National Savings Changes

NEWS IN BRIEF Seizures of

Ecstasy soaring

Young people have been warned that the drug Ecstasy is lethal after seizures of the rave drug increased eightfold. So far at least 14 have died after taking "E", including a man of 18 who died after an all-night party in Wolverhampton at the weekend.

Police and customs officers throughout the UK last year seized 365,000 Eestasy tablets compared with 44,000 in 1990. The number of successful raids rose from 400 in 1990 to 1,700.

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Michael Jack, the Home Office minister, said: "Sadly, there are still those who believe Ecstasy is harmless." The government is stepping up its schools campaign to warn pupils about the dangers.

Girl found

A missing girl last seen yards from the point where teenager Helen Gorrie was strangled in August has been found safe and well by police in London. Alexis Kennedy, 14, of Cowplain, Hampshine, went missing six days ago as she walked to school.

Safety fears

The Health and Safety Executive will investigate complaints that offshore safety is being endangered by the growing use of foreign seamen on British supply vessels, Michael For-syth, the employment minister, said yeaterday.

Record swim

Alison Streeter, 28, of Dover, yesterday completed her twen-tieth successful swim across the Channel, the greatest number of crossings by a woman, when she braved a thunderstorm to reach Shake-speare Beach, Dover. Smoker returns

Maggie Atkins, who quit as

chairman of Overton Parish Council, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, after she was banned from smoking at meetings, has been reinstated. Meetings will have two short smoking breaks.

The Times

We apologise to readers who received their papers late yesterday. This was due to pro-

Home-buying popular as ever

BY DAVID YOUNG

MORE people are buying their own homes, more are living alone and the number of one-parent families is increasing, preliminary results of the General Household Survey have disclosed.

The survey shows that the proportion of owner-occupiers increased from 49 per cent in 1971 to 67 per cent in 1991. and that 12 per cent of home owners had bought a council house they had previously

The average number of people in a British household has fallen over the past 20 years, from 2.91 in 1971, to 2.48 in 1991. The trend reflects an increase in the proportion of people living alone, from 17 per cent in 1971 to 26 per cent in 1991.

The survey has been carried out annually since 1971 by the social survey division of the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys. Researchers interviewed 19,229 people aged 16 or over in 9,955 randomly selected homes. Other findings for 1991

include: An increase in the proportion of one-parent families over the past 20 years, from 8 per cent of families with dependent children in 1971 to per cent in 1991;

☐ Compact disc players are owned by 27 per cent of households compared with 15 per cent in 1989, and 55 per cent had microwave ovens compared with 47 per cent in ☐ The percentage of house-

holds burgled in the previous year increased from 2.7 per cent in 1985-6 to 3.5 per cent in 1991;
☐ The proportion of women

whose youngest child was aged under five and who were in work or seeking work increased from 27 per cent in 1973 to 47 per cent in 1991: Seventy per cent of parents of children aged under five made arrangements for them to be cared for during the day by other people.

The main methods of contraception used in 1991 were sterilisation, 25 per cent, the pill, 23 per cent, and the condom, 16 per cent. General Household Sur-

vey: preliminary results for 1991 (OPCS Monitor SS 92-1, £2.50, ISSN 0262 8392)

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

National Savings Certificates of the 38th Issue were withdrawn from sale on 22 September 1992.

The terms of the 39th Issue, and introduction date, will be announced

Until further notice mature Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) can continue to be reinvested into 38th Issue Reinvestment Certificates up to a maximum of £10,000.

Reinvestment applications should be sent direct to National Savings, Durham using form DNS 502 (available at post offices). 5th Index-linked Issue National Savings Certificates remain on sale.

CAPITAL BONDS

Series E Capital Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 22 September 1992.

The terms of Series F, and introduction date, will be announced shortly.

FIRST OPTION BONDS

FIRST Option Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 22 September 1992.

New terms, and introduction date, will be announced shortly.

YEARLY PLAN

The overall return of 7.5% pa on five-year Yearly Plan agreements will no longer apply for applications received after 22 September 1992. A new rate to apply on and from 23 September will be announced shortly.

CHILDREN'S BONUS BONDS

Issue C Children's Bonus Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 22 September 1992.

The terms of Issue D, and introduction date, will be announced

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Beginning on 6 October 1992 the rate of interest earned on the Investment Account will go down from 8.25% pa to 7.25% pa.

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What could be great news, but isn't on the front page?

Find out next Monday. THESTIMES

Teenagers to learn the sitter's art

By Julia Liewellyn Smith

TEENAGE babysitters will soon be trained to deal with difficult parents as well as crying babies, thanks to a programme launched by the Red Cross yesterday.

The course, offered to schools, colleges and youth organisations, will teach first aid, accident prevention, how to deal with fire and other emergencies and how to secure fair wages and avoid The programme

series of incidents in childminders have abused their position. In one, a 12-year-old girl was convictsmothered her 18-month-old charge to stop him crying. The Red Cross hopes that

the programme will lead to legal certification for babysitters and age restrictions. At the moment, a babysitter can be any age, although parents are legally responsible if the babysitter is aged

Babysitters will also be taught to stand up for their rights. Through role-play and a series of quizzes, the proamme gives tins on how to deal with parents.

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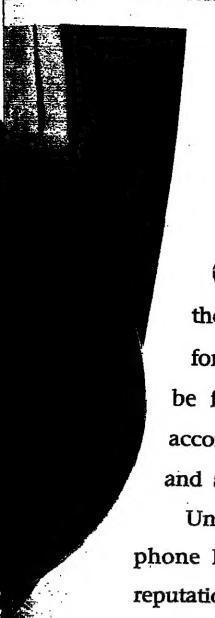
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Commander warns **Bosnians UN alone** cannot save them

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SARAJEVO

MILITARY conflict over Sarajevo could cost 100,000 more lives, the second in command of the United Nations peacekeeping force said yesterday. Major General Philippe Morillon, the deputy com-mander of the UN Protection Force, said the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina must not expect enhanced UN operations

to save them this winter. The politicians engaged in talks in Geneva must find a political solution to the conflict, the general said, although he added that he had no illusions about the difficul-ties that lay ahead. "We are convinced that there is no military solution to this except

SARAJEVO's people may

have to wait until early next month before the United Na-

tions humanitarian air bridge

resumes its flights. The flights

were suspended on September 3 after an Italian plane was

shot down, but the UN had

hoped that after "security as-

surances" given by all sides in

the Bosnian conflict the flights

would begin again yesterday.
A spokesman for Sadako
Ogata, the head of the UN
High Commissioner for Refu-

gees in Geneva, said that only

three of the 19 countries that

had taken part in the airlift

had replied to her invitation to

start flying again. But the three, Canada, Germany and

Norway, all first wanted spe-

cial anti-missile devices fitted

to their planes, and this could

not be achieved before the

The delay in restarting

flights is a severe blow to the

population of Sarajevo and the UNHCR. While land con-

voys from the Croatian port of

Split have managed to keep

supplies coming in, they have

only been enough for immedi-ate use. The UNHCR predicts

suffering not seen in Europe

for half a century and new

waves of refugees if stockpiles of food, medicines and other

supplies are not laid in for the

winter. Except in summer,

Sarajevo airport is notorious for its frequent closures

rushed to contribute their

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Governments

beginning of October.

Sarajevo flights

postponed again

From Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan in belgrade

absolute catastrophe for the and Sarajevo by repairing people of Sarajevo," he said at damaged bridges in the the UN headquarters.

The general's three-day visit to Sarajevo is part of the preparations for the deployment of an extra 6,000 UN troops in Bosnia including 1,800 British soldiers mainly from the Cheshire Regiment. He said the aim of the operation was to try to break the blockade of four Bosnian towns -- Bihac, Jajce, Gorazde and Sarajevo - by creating safe corridors to each along which supplies of humanitarian aid could travel and which would be policed by UN checkpoints. The priority will be to try to reopen rail and

airlift because they are sceptical of the security assurances given to UNHCR in Geneva

on Saturday by the three parties to the Bosnian war. Their doubts are well founded.

One part of the same agree-

ment commits the parties to

refrain from attacks on electri-

cal installations, but power to 80 per cent of the Bosnian capital was cut yesterday after Serb forces shelled one of the

and the hospital in Uzice in

Serbia reported that 15

wounded soldiers had been

brought in overnight, casual-

ties of clashes around Visegrad

Owen, the UN and European

Community peace envoys, left

Geneva for Athens yesterday

where they are expected to

discuss the Bosnian situation

and Greece's continued veto of

recognition of Macedonia.

Stung by allegations of sanc-

tions-busting, the Greeks blocked all oil shipments to all

former Yugoslav republics. This blocking ended yesterday

except for supplies to Serbia

Macedonia was told that it

could release 80,000 tonnes of

oil held up in the port of Salonika if it applied in the

name of "the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia". The

Macedonians had earlier an-

nounced plans to transport the

blocked oil through the Bul-

and Montenegro.

Cyrus Vance and Lord

in eastern Bosnia.

city's main transformers. Fighting was also reported in northern Bosnia yesterday. Mostar area.

The key to the Sarajevo operation is the Serb-held western suburb of Ilidza through which lorries would have to travel. General Morillon said negotiations had begun with Serb commanders with the aim of placing a checkpoint at the gateway to the city.

The general was unable to the general was thante to give any firm guarantees as to the safety of the troops who will conduct these operations which in every case will directly undermine the Bosnian Serb military advantage around Muslim-held areas. He said he had been to Pale He said he had been to Pale, the Bosnian Serb operational headquarters outside Sarajevo. to discuss the situation, but appeared to have returned with no firm guarantee.

I tried to convince Pale that it is an absolute vital necessity to lift the siege not only for humanitarian reasons but for psychological reasons, too."
The general said he had no illusions about the worth of general agreements reached with Bosnian Serb commanders, because "agreements remain

unfortunately theoretical". Responding to recent criti-cism of UN operations in Sarajevo, which appeared to be suffering from inadequate morale, poor leadership at local level and communica-tions difficulties between French, Egyptian and Ukrai-nian soldiers, the general admitted that the recent deaths of two French soldiers and the suspension of aid flights did not help. But he claimed the troops were in good heart. "Our morale is good because we have the conviction that we are the absolutely necessary intermediaries between the two war-

ring parties," he said. ■ Zagreb: Croatia's independent press is fighting for survival in the face of a new attempt by President Tudjman's nationalist regime to silence papers which fail to toe

The weekly Novi Danas, a privatised version of Danas, closed at the beginning of September. During Croatia's civil war, Danas denounced atrocities against Serbs and black-market profiteering. The government retaliated with a legal battle over the paper's new name and by putting pressure on printers, distributors and the publisher. (AFP)

British objective, page 1



Backing voice: a pro-Yeltsin supporter shouting anti-communist slogans outside the White House, seat of Russian parliament in Moscow, as delegates arrived for the opening session yesterday. About 400 protesters gathered to make their feelings known

Hurd puts the brakes on proposals to reform UN

juggernaut of United Nations reform rolling by organising a special summit at the beginning of the year to promote an expansion of the organisation's powers, yesterday

firmly applied the brakes. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told the 179-member general assembly that some of the proposed changes could prove too costly. "Every-body is looking to the United Nations," he said, "but we risk loading the United Nations with too heavy a burden of, in effect, intervention and partial administration. We should not wander down this new

road without serious thought." It was a road, he added, that would involve a restructuring of armed forces so that they could take a full part in the increasing number of UN peacemaking and peacekeep-ing exercises, adding: "It would mean a massive in-

Britain sees UN reform as too costly,

James Bone writes from New York

United Nations and its humanitarian agencies would require from its member states in regular contributions and aid in times when many member states face severe budgetary problems."

Mr Hurd's caumonary tone was in sharp contrast to the warm endorsement of an increase in UN peacekeeping offered by President Bush in his address to the general assembly on Monday. Mr Bush said Washington was ready to support a greatly expanded UN role by giving peacekeeping training to forces from around the world.

He also promised logistical and intelligence back-up. Both Mr Hurd and Mr Bush were responding to the reform proposals drawn up by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, at the request of the special security council summit organised by John Major in January.

Among Dr Boutros Ghali's unexpectedly bold proposals was a call for all member states to earmark troops for a UN army and the creation of smaller "peace enforcement units" under UN command. Mr Hurd emphasised that

larly the deployment of UN monitors in countries where the government had asked for help, could head off conflicts that might otherwise require greater UN involvement.
"Preventive diplomacy is quicker, more helpful to peoples about to be embroiled in conflict, than the most successful peacekeeping or peace-making operation which follows the outbreak of vio-lence," he said. "It is also less costly in terms of lives and

On Monday night Mr Hurd and the foreign ministers of the other permanent security council members -China, France, Russia and the United States - had a meet-ing with Milan Panic, prime minister of the rump Yugosla-via. With Britain working closely with Russia to exert pressure on Belgrade, the five powers agreed to allow Mr Panic to address the general assembly before Yugoslavia is barred from participating in the body's work. British sources said Britain was anxious not to undermine Mr Panic in his power-struggle with Slobodan Milosevic, the hardline Serbian president.

Babushkas vent spleen on Gaidar

NORMAN Lamont may not be relishing the opening of parliament tomorrow, but if he had witnessed the fate of Yegor Gaidar, Russia's acting prime minister, at the end of the Supreme Soviet's first day yesterday, he would have counted himself fortunate by comparison.

Mr Gaidar, 36, is the architect of the "shock therapy" economic reform programme and is engaged in a prolonged battle with the conservative central bank for fiscal control. A dapper academic, he was by the time he had run the gauntlet of angry grandmoth ers who gathered outside the White House, the home of parliament, to make clear their dislike of the market economy, the fate of the country and to revel in the discomfiture of the politicians

"You should be ashamed of yourself, selling the Motherland to speculators Yegor Timusovich Gaidar," they shouted, invoking the full spleen of the patronymic form of address. There was a chorus of cries of "Resign before you destroy our rouble", and one toothless babushka was so furious that she tried to dimb into the back of the official limousine with him to finish her rant.

as they left the building.

Then opposing camps of old ladies (there are loyal gramy-teams, too) began kicking and spitting at each other. Mr Gaidar took advantage of this to order his driver to speed away. The military police stood by watching idly. The Supreme Soviet has succumbed to demo-culture and President Yeltsin's administration, wary of appearing to authoritarian, lets the citizen-

ry rant and rave outside the

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

main door to their heart's Earlier, when he called the house to order. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliament wily

chairman, was greeted with plaintive cries of "We hven't got seats" from a gagle of deputies at the back. All .000 elected MPs from the Commonwealth of Independent States are entitled to atend the sessions, but ther are seats only for the 300 NPs. In the parliaments of for-

efficiency of the procedings

SHOCK THERAPY



will be in inverse proprior to the technological harvare that accompanies them to it is apt that the Supreme wiet has a giant computer ealts board which can tun the ayes" and "noes" of the deputies into percentae figures in a split second The deputies were also infrned that they each had a herophone on their desks, oling the frantic scrabble for the one per row available bore. Mr Khasbulatov strent-ened the sleeves of hisking jacket and set about enaining how a microphone voks. Then we stopped for lunc.

'Mujahidin' rush to join Islamic fundamentalists in war

FROM GEORGE EYKYN

AS THE air-raid sirens wailed in Travnik, they drove fast ahead of us in their camouflaged Toyota lorry - four Muslim lighters of Middle Eastern appearance whom local people know as the "Mujahidin". When they saw the camera.

two of the men covered their faces and turned their backs. One wore an Arabic keffiyeh. They tried to shoo us away. Armed and in khaki outfits. they were not local Muslims. One eventually spoke to us, in Serbo-Croat but with an outsider's accent. "Where are you from?" we asked. He laughed: 'All that matters is that we're here now." He admitted that he and his colleagues were fighting the Serbs, but moments later said that they were humanitarian aid workers. here to help the children and provide medicine". The Toyota then left at speed with its camera-shy militiamen still covering their faces.

Croatian troops manning checkpoints in the Travnik area claim that 680 foreign Islamic fighters have passed through, travelling in small groups, posing as journalists.



ment with dollars when they arrive. We met a man who supplied them. While there is no evidence that Islamic governments are sending forces into Bosnia, the Croats say individuals and small groups

have come from Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Two of our group went with local Croats to the staunchly Muslim village of Mehuric, six miles away. At the foot of a diff, in what usually serves as a cattle market, rifle fire shattered the silence. From a safe distance, my colleagues secret-ly filmed about 30 local Muslims being given weapons training and target practice by foreign instructors. Our guides described them as Is-

lamic fundamentalists. Just 20 miles away, the town of Zenica is run by Muslims. Here a Bosnian soldier told us he had met 50 foreign Islamic

gunmen from abroad who said they had come to Bosnia "to die". Military sources directed us to an old people's home in Zenica, where the fighters had been seen. Bosnian army regulars are also quartered there. One spoke to us in German, saying large numbers of foreign Islamic fighters were coming in. He said some had come from Egypt and Sudan. Then, thinking that we did not understand Serbo-Croat, he muttered to his colleagues: They're asking me where the foreigners come from". George Eykyn is a reporter for BBC Breakfast News.

entering the contest.

The Texan billionaire said

in a television interview that

his departure had enabled the

two main candidates to duck

tough economic issues. Now

on the ballot in every state, Mr

Perot said his national grass-

roots organisation would make the decision on his re-

entry within a few days. After

the programme, Ron Brown,

the Democratic party chair-

man, reportedly spent 25 min-

utes trying to persuade Mr

America's political pundits,

who daily predict that Presi-

dent Bush will start closing the

gap on Bill Clinton, were

again confounded yesterday

by a new poll showing the

incumbent fully 21 points

behind, the largest deficit of

News poll gave the Arkansas

governor 58 per cent support

The Washington Post-ABC

any recent survey.

Perot to back Mr Clinton.

Poll puts Clinton 21 points in front

Television soap star pillories Quayle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MURPHY Brown, America's best-loved and most-hated soap opera character, has simultaneously taken on two new roles in her autumn television series: one as a working single mother, the other as a key figure in the American election.

The fact that Murphy Brown (played by Candice Bergen) does not really exist, is increasingly irrelevant. On Monday night 25 million American households tuned in to the much-hyped premiere of the new season of Murphy Brown which, to nobody's surprise, contained the most stinging attack so far on Dan Quayle, the vicepresident.

Last May Mr Quayle accused Murphy Brown of providing a poor role model for young people by glamorising single-motherhood, and the arguments have raged, on-screen and off, ever since.

"Glamorising!" the unwashed and bedraggled Murphy Brown in Mon-

day's premiere after a night without sleep thanks to her new baby. "Do I look glamor-ous? ... I didn't just wake up one morning and say 'Oh Gee, I can't get in for a facial so I might as well have a baby." Much of the rest of the programme was then taken up with a political

sounded inappropriate at a Democratic convention. "In searching for the causes of our social ills we could choose to blame the media or the Congress or an administration that's been in nower," Murphy Brown

opines. The vice-president

says he felt it was important

diatribe that would not have to open a dialogue about

Bergen: used her soap opera role to rail against the vice-president's views on single parenthood

family values ... Unfortunately it seems that for him the only acceptable defini-tion of a family is a mother, a father and children."

The episode ends with a lorryload of potatoes being dumped in the drive-way of the Quayle family home — a somewhat leaden reference to the vice-president's idio-

yncratic spelling. Before Monday's broadcast, Mr Quayle sent a giant stuffed elephant (the Republican symbol) to the fictional Baby Brown, with a note reading "You may not realise it yet, but you've helped start an important discussion on ways to strengthen our traditional values." vice-president

watched the show in Washington with a group of friends that strategically included several single mothers. His wife Marilyn reportedly laughed aloud theirs the chart but the view during the show, but the vicepresident could only raised a wan smile during the barrage of criticism.

Perot is poised for return to the fray

ROSS Perot declared yesterday that he had made a With Ross Perot admitting that his mistake in abruptly dropping out of the presidential race in withdrawal was a mistake, the Bush July and again signalled that campaign is failing to make headway, he is on the point of re-Martin Fletcher writes in Washington

> to Mr Bush's 37 per cent. It showed Mr Clinton well ahead in every region and backed by one in four Republicans. "We're as flat as the day we left the convention," a Republican source conceded. The poll gave a putative Perot candidacy 12 per cent to 50 for Mr Clinton and 31 for Mr

underscored Mr Bush's dismal position. Latest returns show that the Democrats raised a record \$17.3 million (£9.1 million) in August, the Republicans just \$9 million. On a single day, the Monday after the Republicans' unsavoury convention in Houston last month, the Democrats received an unprecedented \$900.000 in small individual

Just 42 days from the election, when Mr Bush should be campaigning full time in the key swing states, he is still struggling to shore up his base. He spent yesterday on a whirlwind tour of Texas, Oklahoma. Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee, all but one of which emphatically voted Republican in 1988.

We can't find a state where

we're really behind," Stan

Greenberg, Mr Clinton's poll-

ster, claimed. The president hopped from one airport rally to another, assailing the Arkansas governor's record with unusual vehemence and accusing him of deceiving the country. Mr Clinton spent the day in Michigan mocking Mr Bush's re-fusal to participate in the first

presidential TV debate, which

had been scheduled for last night in Lansing, the tate

The signs are that the bush campaign will turn irreasingly negative, believing can win only by destroyin his opponent. On Monda for the first time, Mr Bush decily challenged Mr Clinto's veracity in explaining hi Vietnam draft record, saying the issue was not going to go away. At Camp Day last weekend he recorded new radio and television connercials, including one ancking Mr Clinton's draft evason. Campaign officials inst the issue is an effective mens of raising doubts in the public mind about Mr Chton's character, especially a the south and southwest. But the Post-ABC poll showed day 16

which way to vote. The good news for M Bush yesterday was new gures showing a big leap it new home construction in august to the highest level n 18

per cent considered it aff

important factor in deiding

China repeats claim to Tibet and rejects independence

From Catherine Sampson in peking

PEKING yesterday published a 37,000-word defence of its rule of Tibet. Entitled Tibet its Ownership and Human Rights Situation, the document sets out to prove that historically the region is part of China, and describes present-day Tibet as stable. prosperous and content. It attacks the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader, and emphasises that Peking will never contemplate Tibetan independence.

Last year. Peking produced a "white paper" to counter criticism of its human rights record. It was translated into several languages, presented to visiting foreign dignitaries, put out in pamphlet form for foreign tourists to peruse, and became required reading in all state-run offices. The "white paper" on Tibet is

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Israel wants to speed up negotiations

Jerusalem: Israel signalled yesterday that it wants to upgrade its negotiations with Arab states in an effort to increase the slow pace of the peace talks in Washington

(Richard Beeston writes). Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, hinted to the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee that Israel would like ministerial and eventually summit meetings to try to overcome obstacles.

Officer killed

Jerusalem: An Israeli policeman has been shot dead by an Arab gunman in Arab east Jerusalem. The attack was the first of its kind on Israeli police in the city. The gunman was arrested. (Reuter)

Rebels gather

Ankara: Iraqi dissidents who want to overthrow President Saddam Hussein have gathered at Irbil for their first such meeting on Iraqi soil. Suni and Shia Muslims as well as Kurds are present. (Reuter)

Law changed

Manila: President Ramos has agreed to amend Manila's subversion law, so legalising communists in the Philippines to try to end Southeast Asia's last Marxist insurgency.

Balloon record

Amsterdam: Americans Tony Bradley and Richard Abruzzo landed near Casablanca in Morocco after a 146-hour flight, the world's longest by hot-air balloon, to come third in the first transatlantic balloon race. (Reuter)

expected to be distributed with similar zeal. It follows Western criticism of Peking's heavyhanded treatment of the remote Himalayan region.

There is an occasional glimpse of reality. The document admits that "the level of economic development and the living standards of the people are still lower than the nation's average due to Tibet's extremely harsh natural conditions and its extremely backward social development."

The document denies that

there has been mass Han migration and says customs there are so different from those in the heartland of the country that people from the interior can hardly adapt to them". This seems to contra-dict Chinese daims that Hans and Tibetans live in harmony. As for human rights, the

document says: "The democratic reform conducted in Tibet in 1959 abolished the extremely decadent and dark feudal serfdom and the ... serfs and slaves thus gained personal freedom." To prove the independence movement is "a conspiracy of imperialists", the document claims "there was no such word as independence in the Tibetan vocabulary at the beginning of the 20th century". Tibetans in exile are bound

to react angrily to the docu-ment Indeed, there may even be outrage inside Tibet. The last large-scale pro-independence demonstrations occurred in Tibet in 1989, and were crushed when martial law was imposed. Since then, there have been reports of numerous small-scale demon-strations and acts of defiance. Peking yesterday an-nounced that the Communist

party congress would open on October 12. The Chinese news agency Xinhua reported that the congress would endorse senior leader Deng Xiaoping's policy of faster reform. The congress is expected to introduce a "engigiet market econgduce a "socialist market economy". Mr Deng, 88, is believed, however, still to beinvolved in a power struggle with ideological hardliners. Xinhua hinted that there would be substantial personnel changes, reporting that "the congress will elect new central leading organs and a number of vigorous, outstanding middle-aged and young cadres who have both ability and political integrity are ex-pected to be elected on to the new central committee".

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Hindu revivalists find Aryan heroes

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN VARANASI

I ndian history, much of it I handed down by British scholars, is being rewritten radically to reflect a greater Hindu viewpoint. Most academics are astonished. and Muslims are outraged.

The move is part of a Hindu revivalist campaign known as Hindutva (Hinduness). Many teachers are refusing to work from new history textbooks prepared for schools, arguing that the revised interpretations are politically motivated. Akbar the Great, long praised as the most enlightened of the six Great Mogul emperors, becomes a tyrant under the new version of India's past. Rana Pratap, who resisted him, is pre-

sented as a national hero. Aurangzeb, last of the Great Moguls, is accused of more zealotry than usually attributed to him. Indeed, there is nothing good to be said about any of the Muslim periods. Mogul or otherwise. The long-accepted view that pale-skinned Aryans arrived in India from Central Asia 3.500 years ago and imposed themselves on an existing society of darker-skinned aborigines is excised from new school textbooks. Instead,

the Aryans have displaced

the dark-skinned Dravidias the original initabitants This version of events is

at odds with practically every history book, and is perhaps the most startling of the many changes. It has been accepted generally that Aryans drove the Dravidians to the south and laid the foundations for the present caste system, initially based on skin colour. Dravidians often belong to

E ven Mahatma Gandhi, father of the nation, is downgraded. The authors say that Gandhi, Karl Marx and Indira Gandhi all received excessive emphasis. This is plainly meant to discredit the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty.

The new history claims that Alexander the Great did not conquer any part of India because he was roundly defeated by the brave natives. The revised history is being introduced in Uttar Pradesh, the most politically important state in the north, and in the huge central state of Madhya Pradesh. Both are run by the hardline Hindu revivalist organisation, the Bharatiya Janata Party.



Guarded look a young clan fighter in Mogadishu awaiting the return of his clan's warlord after a mission to consolidate his power. Clan tensions, looting and unsafe runways in rural Somalia yesterday forced aid workers to seek safety in one town, cancel food airlifts to a second and dramatically slow

relief flights to two others. The developments were a setback for relief fforts in a country where more than combined effects of drought and warfare and another two million are threatened. As a result of the incidents airlifts are continuing only to Mogadi-

shu and the small central towns of Sacowein and Uegit, Clan clashes and banditry have been rife since the dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was ousted in January 1991. It is estimated that as much as half of the 165,000 tonnes of international aid delivered this year has been stolen. (AFP)

Pretoria told talks are its last chance

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AFTER a night of intensive negotiations between the African National Congress and President de Klerk's government. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, declared that the present talks were the regime's last chance to achieve a summit between himself and Mr de Klerk. He was speaking against the back-ground of a reported 1S deaths in 24 hours in township political violence.

Mr Mandela spent yesterday morning meeting ambassadors recently posted to Pretoria. At the same time Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC's secretary-general, was again negotiating with Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister, to try to clear the way for the summit.

Posing for pictures with the envoys, Mr Mandela said: The meeting [between Mr Meyer and Mr Ramaphosa] is decisive and crucial, and if no agreements are reached today it is not likely we will meet with

the government again."

The Sowetan, reported yesterday that issues still separated the two sides were the investigation of 17 ANC and Pan Africanist Congress leaders for terrorist offences, the government's insistence on linking the release of political prisoners to a general amnesty to include state employees, and the Inkatha Freedom party's statement that it would withdraw from talks if there

were a ban on traditional weapons.

Additional urgency has been injected into the attempts to arrange a summit by the announcement that Mr Mandela is leaving for China next Wednesday. With a provincial meeting of the National party in Natal requiring the presence of Mr Meyer and Mr de Klerk tomorrow and on Friday, the window for the summit is very small.

A good deal of drama also surrounds a march by ANC protesters on Ulundi, the KwaZulu homeland capital which, according to speculation, may be planned for Friday. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the KwaZulu prime minister has described the proposed march as an invasion, and has warned that the low-intensity civil war that has been smouldering in Natal will erupt into full-blown con-flict if it goes ahead.

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An agreement to attenuate the present campaign of mass action could remove this threat, to the relief of most of those concerned, including those firebrands in the ANC whose lives would be on the line. Harry Gwala, leader of the ANC in the Natal Mid-lands and a prominent figure in the bloody march into Bisho two weeks ago, seemed yesterday to be backing away from the march, insisting that Ulundi was too far for his members to travel.

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Sex wars that no one ever wins

When ideology enters the bedroom watch out, warns Bryan Appleyard

Feminism

This week Deirdre Lyndon in a powerful, indeed brilliant, newspaper article described how feminism had wrecked her marriage. Her husband, Neil, has written a savagely anti-feminist book. In the course of the research and writing he became, as one does, obsessed. His views alienated friends and, finally, led to their

separation.
"It is," writes Mrs Lyndon, "a clever book but it is intemperate: these are the politics of hatred:

Lyndon sees the politics of hatred not in himself, but in the feminists. Their cause has poisoned human relations by its appropriation of the brutal language of class warfare. By identifying women as oppressed objects of history, they have engineered a far more terrible oppression of men. For this he has been excoriated, his sexuality has been called into question and, as his wife

records, he has lost friends and a considerable amount of his work as a (very good) free-

should have Both sides of this made sane argument are framed by an ex-traordinary, ai-most pathological women face the fact degree of intolerance Both Lyndon and the feminists that there are so hell-bent on applying absolute abstractions to the are genuine real world that they sexual can scarcely contain their murderdifferences ous rage. Lyndon's abstractions are the

easily-discredited intellectual roots of feminism. He now demands answers to two pillars of his case: first, the social position of women was transformed not by the Cause but by abortion and the Pill; second, women are claimed to be victims on the basis of some disreputable shuffling of the Marxist pack substituting the word "women" for

'proletariat" or "blacks". Both these claims are true up to a point and they need to be made. But they are limited in their significance. They say next to nothing about real women, nor, indeed, real feminism. To suggest that they do is the equivalent of that Christianity is explained by the Roman occupation; Marxism by the centralising demands of the industrial revolution and psychoanalysis by the hard scientism of late 19th-century Vienna. In each case the human truth - or otherwise - of the doctrine is bigger than its intellectual inheritance. All are or have been hugely successful and effective in the world and it is that success which is the real issue.

On the other side the feminists have been driven to the most ruthless and inhuman generalisations. There are thousands of examples, but one succincily captures the familiar style. Germaine Greer recently admitted that men have become much more enthusiastic parents, but "I am not convinced by it and I don't trust men around children." The sheer all-encompassing nastiness and oflensive ignorance of such a remark

deas can do terrible damage. can scarcely be overlooked. Small wonder that a journalist of Lyndon's calibre should conclude that here was a significant wrong that needed to be exposed.

The resulting intolerances are revealed by the real life details of the case. The Lyndons', by the sound of them, politically-correct friends can no longer bear to be associated with him. Mrs Lyndon explains her husband's loss of work after his initial outburst as caused by "smart young men in their hitech newspaper offices [who] did not want their feminist colleagues seeing them associate with the extremist that Neil seemed to have

This describes all too vividly a social and professional context in which some things simply cannot be said, in which some doctrines are beyond challenge and in which affection takes second place to bigory. Equally Lyndon appears to have allowed himself to be driven to

an ever more extreme, ever more blanket condemnation of women by the reaction of those intellectual small fry who are feminists because it is simply too unfashionable to be anything else.
The obvious

point is that, on both sides, the language has been corrupted. The idea that relations between one half of humanity and the other half can be generalised and reduced is a piece of nonsense inspired by the poorty understood and

pseudo-scientific application of politics, sociology and psychoanalysis. But, so that a "debate" can take place, both sides feel obliged to construct sound bites designed to exploit the passing frustrations and resentments from which we all suffer. It is not enough simply to show our real, if exaggerated. wounds on The Oprah Winfrey Show, we must also construct ideologies to elevate and globalize their significance.

Feminism worked because it exposed real, genuinely felt pressures and simplified them into a cause. Its success should have made sane men confront the fact that they had no possible self-interest in oppressing women, nor in cohabiting with a sex that felt oppressed. But, at the same time, it should have made sane women confront the fact that there are genuine sexual differences which could not be ploughed under by the pursuit of a spurious and depraved conception of equality.

Supposedly scientific systems, so-cial "trends" and wittering about men's or women's rights sustain the trash rhetoric that our culture appears to need. There is no sex war unless we choose to take un arms and, if we do, we make a liar of our own experience. Confessional journalism is seldom a justifiable spectacle, but Mrs Lyndon was right to speak. Any good hack knows that local damage is always more persuasive than global and anyway, as she admits in her last sentence, she misses him.

The ancient English tradition of the cane is at last to be abolished, says David Pannick

noday in Strasbourg the European Court of Human Rights will hear a case which may finally put an end to corporal punishment in all British schools. In October 1985, Jeremy Costel-

lo-Roberts was a pupil at an independent boarding school. He was reprimanded by a teacher for talking in the corridor. This was his fifth "demerit mark" for minor breaches of school rules. He was told he would receive three whacks. Three days later, the headmaster called Jeremy into his study and hit him three times on the bottom, through his shorts, with a gym shoe. Jeremy was seven years old. He was away from home for the first time, and had been at

school for about a month. English common law was not troubled by adult teachers hitting children, other than in extreme circumstances. In 1860 Chief Justice Cockburn explained that "a schoolmaster may, for the purpose of correcting what is evil in the child, inflict moderate and reasonable corporal punishment. The law would interfere only "if it be administered for the gratification of passion or of rage, or if it be

hat on earth can he say tomorrow?

▼ Is the past week's Europe débacle

really John Major's Mu-

nich, his Suez, his Falk-

lands invasion? Have

Helmut Kohl's panzer divisions again smashed through a British prime

minister's good intentions and left his critics crying, "In the name of God,

gol? After two years of

numbing recession at the

heart of Europe, of Maas-

tricht and the exchange

rate mechanism (ERM),

of no devaluation and no

realignment, "the hand

that signed the treaty" has

indeed bred the fever. But

is it a fatal fever or just a

passing sweat?
Politics begins at home.

and Mr Major could do

worse tomorrow than say

sorry and introduce Brit-

ain's new board of direc-

tors. It includes a new

prime minister, a new

Chancellor and a com-

pletely new corporate strategy. These include a

floating pound, no direct

German constraint on in-

terest rates, a repatriated

economic policy and

Maastricht apparently

postponed sine die. That such an

administration should take office

without an election, a referendum.

a vote in Parliament or even one

single change of personnel is unprecedented. It should at least be

exciting. The Tory party is testing the concept of "elective dictator-

ship" perilously close to destruction.

and of doubts about the pace of EC

union across most of northern

Europe is that some ideological

baggage can at last be discarded. A

grouping of 12 "equal" partners

was and remains a nonsense, mere

code for the strong ruling the weak.

Sooner or later realpolitik was

bound to triumph: politicisms can no more buck the democratic

market than central bankers can

buck the financial one.
Thus this week France and

Germany will begin to see if some

The value of the ERM disarray

Why hurt children?

nature or degree, or with an instrument unfitted for the purpose and calculated to produce danger no life or limb".

The European Convention on Human Rights has imposed more effective limits on the use of physical pain as a method of punishment. In 1978, the European Court held in the case of Tyrer that birching young offenders in the Isle of Man breached Article 3 of the Convention, which prohibits "degrading treatment or punish-ment". The British judge, Sir Gerald Fitzmannice, delivered a dissenting opinion which must have bemused his colleagues. He explained that he had been "educated under a system according to which the corporal punishment of schoolboys was regarded as the normal sanction" for misbehaviour, "yet I cannot remember that any boy felt degraded or debased". European judges are less senti-

immoderate and excessive in its mental about the alleged benefits of educating young children in conditions that would lead to questions in Parliament if imposed on prisoners in Parkhurst. They have de-dined to accept that "the happiest days of your life" can be those spent in fear of being beaten with a stick or a piece of footwear by an adult enforcing illogical rules in an arbitrary marinet.

In 1982, the European Court held, in the Scottish cases of Campbell and Cosans, that the first protocol to the Convention gives parents the right to insist that corporal punishment should not be inflicted on their child at school. In 1986, the European Commission of Human Rights (the lower judi-cial body) decided in Karen War-wick v The United Kingdom that the caring of a 16-year-old girl on the hand by a headmaster in the presence of another male teacher. causing physical injury, was a breach of Article 3.

Parliament responded in 1986 by legislating to prohibit corporal punishment in state schools. However, in the independent sector, it remains lawful, subject to the principles stated by Chief Justice Cockburn. In the case of Jeremy Costello-Roberts, the European Commission of Human Rights concluded, by nine votes to four, that the corporal punishment of Jeremy was not degrading treatment or punishment under Article 3 of the Convention. The majority of the Commission thought that this was a mild punishment which could not be castigated as institu-tionalised violence of the type prohibited by Article 3. This is unconvincing. As the dissenting judgments of Mrs Thune and Mr Loucaides point out, even if Article 3 does not prohibit all corporal punishment, this is a disturbing case on its facts. A very young boy, away from home for the first time, was hit by an adult for trivial

three days for the punishment. The majority of the Commission did. however, find in favour of Jeremy under Article S of the Convention. This guarantees the right to respect for private life. The Commission concluded that the corporal punishment was an unjustified interference with his physical integrity. The European Court is

likely to find against the Govern-ment under Article 3 or Article 8 of

the Convention. The inevitable

result will be legislation to abolish corporal punishment in independent schools, as in state schools. "If you don't leave off chattering your teeth, and shaking with the cold, I'll warm you with a severe thrashing", Dickens' Wackford Squeers told a pupil at Dotheboys Hall. Squeers would have disapproved of the European Convention on Human Rights. But, as the European Court explained in Tyrer. the Convention is "a living instru-

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ment which must be interpreted in

the light of present-day conditions".

Major's daredevil leap

Simon Jenkins considers a breathtaking week in British politics



sort of currency union between them and the Benefux nations is feasible. If it succeeds it will not be the end of "Europe", merely a stage in a process. Nor will it be the end of Europe if, as I suspect, it fails. The Maastricht process will continue, but piecemeal, as the natural outcome of intergovernment

cooperation. Mr Major's handling of the drawn-out Maastricht burial rites has suggested a definess absent from his handling of sterling. While the EC foreign ministers autopilot continues to seek an "appended" Maastricht to put to the Danes, Mr Major can play for time. He is told by his whips not to risk any progress with a ratification bill this year and is committed to sticking with the Danes. Of course this means going back on his "early ratification" promise to his EC

friends. Of course he is humiliating the British electorate by denying them a decision granted to the French and the Danes, But he knows the answer of the British electorate and for the moment he would prefer not to ask the question. Statesmanship often requires a balance of relative humiliations. Brussels complains that Britain has no coherent European policy.

This is simply untrue. The policy is one of function rather than form, of plodding with the tortoise rather than running with the hare. The EC has failed to complete any of the items on its 1980s agenda — single market, farm reform, budget reform, Gatt renegotiation - because its élites have found pursuing "closer union" an easier option. Britain wants them completed fast. Mr Major now needs a lierce

metaphor cull, not least of the

nonsensical "two-speed" Europe. Europe's economies move at many and varying speeds, in which "miracle" is customarily followed by "crisis" (especially in Italy). Who knows but that those who stay outside the social chapter may not vet be in the fast track while the Germans preside over the slow? If the EC really wants to promote growth among its member states, it could do no better than to complete the single market and fight the

world competitiveness. The British government signed the Treaty of Rome and the Single European Act and is a natural part of this argument. Mr Major is still the European leader with the most secure domestic base. He is still president of the Council of Ministers. He is a good chairman and a

voice of practical common sense.

cartels that so damage Europe's

He may have made a spectacular hash of the past few weeks, but he might reasonably ask his partners, in whose cause? The lights are not going out all over Europe. A few chandeliers have crashed on a few gilded pates. But ing more inclines a man to review philosophies and religions than a sharp

blow over the head. Yet all this is merely background noise to what is to take place tomorrow. What is really on parliamentary parade is a new prime minister. Gone for ever is Mr Major the earnest custodian of the Thatcherite succession. milder perhaps, more accommodating, but rooted in the leadership of stubborn consistency. That is all forgotten. Over him now lowers the ghost of post-devaluation Harold Wilson, of a man at bay, shifting, uncertain,

Mr Major must turn the stunning pragmatism avantage. He remains a little-known personality. He emerged two years ago from the darker re-

cesses of the Tory club with none of the razzmatazz of his predecessor. Today he is caught in the spotlight and must summon up his energy to perform a novel act, that of the great political acrobat, the fast mover, the operator, even the cynic. For the new John Major, no lean is too breathtaking, no boundary is too fixed. He is loyal to his friends as he is loyal to his policies, until the gods of circumstance call for a turn

of the screw and a flash of the knife. This is to be Mr Major's rite of initiation. He is positioned to emerge as one of Europe's most secure and, if only for that reason, dominant leaders in the Realistic Nineties. But for that he must revel in the opportunism of the past week. And as for treaties, he must say with de Gaulle, "they are like young girls and roses, they last as long as they last."



...and moreover

clore we begin, you will need to know my views on Maastricht. These are most succinctly summarised in the words of, interestingly enough, a highly intelligent Dane of my acquaintance. "If it be now. tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now: if it be not now, yet it will come. The readiness is all."

But sadly, thanks to an unfortunate rapier incident, he was not around to express this cogent opinion when his countrymen were invited to express theirs in the national referendum which has landed all of us in the soup. for he might well have swung it for the Europhiles, because he was not only smart, he was also a prominent member of the royal family, and we have all had it dinned in to us over the past turbulent weeks that roval families are highly influential exemplars who give the rest of us our behavioural cues: a thought 1 suggest you put on the backburner for a paragraph or two. since I shall be stirring it in later.

Before that, you should understand that I am so committed a Euroist that I spent last weekend in France, in a hamlet (oh come on, give me some credit, this is a serious piece) called St Martin d Oyde, 60 km south of Toulouse and chosen by me with great care because it is not only a typical peasant backwater of the most fervent Non! persuasion, it also contains fewer than a hundred souls of voting age. My plan was to hang around outside the little mairie throughout Sunday, looking simultaneously British, frater-

nal and knowledgeable, and buttonhole the entire arriving vote-force into sticking their X in the Oui box. In the event, however, their Pyrenean accent made it so difficult for us to engage in any meaningful dialogue — in return for my opening observations on the ERM, most responded by telling me the time. offering to light my cigarette, or indicating the quickest route to Pamiers, while not a few attempted to get through to me in pidgeon-Ger-man — that I soon chucked in the sponge and went off to get drunk; but you can see that I do not take federalism lightly.

Unlike, it seems, our own royal family, whom we must now shift to the front burner; for, returning to Toulouse airport on Tuesday with my heart still pounding from the closeness of the victory, and falling upon my first English newspaper for three days in expectation of a photograph of, say. Lady Thatcher running up and down the pavement shrieking "Rejoice! Rejoice!", I found instead that what preoccupied Fleet Street that morning was that the Princess of Wales had given

up her Mercedes. Quickly, I stuffed the newspaper into my flight-bag, for there were Europeans about, and since I had as yet no answers for the questions they would be bound to ask were they to spot the headlines, I dared not read the story until I was aboard. And when I at last did so, the mouth went dry, for the first time in my life. I took a boiled sweet off a stewardess. Because not one but two shattering reasons were adduced to explain her decision, and both enjoyed the imprimatur of that nalace spokesman who through out this summer's fraught shenanigans had remained notable primarily for not putting his spoke in at all The Princess, it appears, has

relinquished her glitzy runabout because (a) she has been forced to tighten her belt like anybody else. and (b) it is inappropriate for her to drive a German car when the domestic motor industry is up the spout. In other words, the future queen of England is, as the result of Britain's economic mismanagement, (a) so broke that she cannot afford even to lease a car which the average German businessman traditionally buys for his Stückchen auf der Seite, and (b) so protectionist that she would rather trundle about in an old Mini van than be caught dead driving something foreign.

Um Gottes willen!, as we Europeans cry, what kind of a Maastricht signal is that? Amid all the notional damage done by earlier examples of royal incautiousness, did anything come within a mile of this? And are we to assume, from the Palace's unprecedented official approval. that the monarchy is once more the glass in which we must dress ourselves? Is Diana's isolationist

suit to be followed? Certainly not. Amends will have to be made, and quickly. Quite what concrete form these should take I am not qualified to judge, but, for an immediate token gesture, the royal family could do a lot worse than change its surname back to Hanover

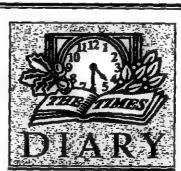
Mellor takes on the tabloids

AS reports that he is close to resigning dominated the headlines erday, David Mellor was steeling himself for one of the most difficult evenings of his life. To-night he will come face to face with his tormentors when he addresses 400 journalists and editors at the annual Newspaper Press Fund reception at Stationers' Hall in the

City of London. Mellor's office insists that he will fulfil his obligation as the guest of honour and has no intention of resigning. But it seems that his diary has been kept conveniently empty in the coming weeks. After tonight's brave foray. Mellor has virtually no public commitments. On Thursday he has cancelled an appearance opening the four-day Classical Music Show at the Barbican. "After today there is a lot of internal business and not an enormous amount out of the department. He is due to go to Yorkshire and Manchester on October 2 but that hasn't been finalised and after that it's the Conservative party

conference." his office says.

Normally tonight's event is addressed by the prime minister but the invitation was passed to Mellor because of John Major's heavy social duties while Britain has the Euro-presidency. Peter Evans. director of the Newspaper Press Fund, which supports journalists and their families who have fallen on hard times, says: "We are still expecting Mellor. His office rang me rather worried about a suggest tion that a lot of tickets had been bought by Sun journalists who were going to make his life misery. I told them that we are a respected organisation which treats its guests properly. I think they were



meet some of his most vociferous critics at the reception. "We had Kelvin Mackenzie and Richard Stott last year. The Mirror is always a great supporter," says Evans. Mackerotic has declined an invitation this year although his troops will be present in numbers. However, Mellor will be forced to rub shoulders with both Bill Hagerty, editor of The People, which broke the story of Mellor's affair with Antonia de Sancha, and Stott, who was editor of the same paper when it published the story which led to the Mona Bauwens libel action.

And so what will Mellor say to those who have been baying for his blood? Not even his office knows. "He has not asked us to draft a speech," says an aide. "He is good at talking off the culf and he will wait until the event to decide what is appropriate".

• Pyjama-clad fans of Radio Four's Book at Bedtime expecting to hear Stranger at The Gates, a biography of James Baldwin, this week will hear Joanna Lumley reading lan Fleming's On Her Majesty's Secret Service instead. Was Baldwin found to be too risque No. says bedtime editor David Benedictus, "the book was simply no good." But surely he read it before commissioning? "Sometimes books just don't translate,"

Braw bricht what?

ALEX Salmond has a stirring message for the Scottish National ists as they gather for their annual conference in Perth today. Fouhertit commital till our chauvin for the rich tae gang our ain gait," says the leader in the con-ference handbook. For which read, or so we are told: "The SNP still has a total commitment to the indepen-

dence struggle".

Both Doric and Gaelic will be heard at the conference for the secand year running although they are incomprehensible to most of the delegates. Even Salmond himself required a translator, it seems,

Sic corrieneuchins!



for his rant about "Labour's heid bummers" (translation: "Labour's Scottish leadership").

Le vieux cravat

FORGET Oxbridge. It is a fair bet that most of the drafting for yesterday's meeting between Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand was masterminded by that elite cadre of graduates from Europe's most exclusive establishment, the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. Enarques, as the grandest of Parisian grandes écoles is known, has become the alma mater of a quite fearsome mafia within Europe's chancelleries, making Britain's old school tie look tame by comparison.

Kohl's European policy adviser Joachim Bitterlich is a former pupil, as is Pascal Larny, the powerful chef de cabinet of Jacques Delors. the EC president. Most of Mitterrand's cloest advisers are also graduates. Both Elizabeth Guigou. Mitterrand's minister for European affairs, and ber chef de cabi-net Pierre Vimont, are also Enarques.

Founded by de Gaulle in 1945 as an antidote to the Vichy regime, the school has always bred the highest hauts fonction naires to run the republic. Now its tentacles seem to extend across the whole of Europe. In addition to Giscard d'Estaing, Rocard, Fabius and Chirac, the Rue de L'Université on the left bank has also been home to hundreds of senior Eurocrats in Brussels as well as more than 250 civil servants in Bonn. They are intelligent, uncorrupt and absolutely convinced they are right," says one Brussels insider. "They used to say that France was run by thousands of little Robespierres. Now the Enarques are effectively running Europe"

 Meanwhile there were red faces at the European Commission of fices in London yesterday with the launch of the third edition of Europe in Figures - a huge, comprehensive guide to statistics within the community. "In April 1992 the Greek drachma was the only Community currency not yet part of the EMS exchange-rate mechanism," the book gushes. "The Spanish peseta entered the mechanism in September 1989, the pound sterling in October 1990 and the escudo in April 1992." The fourth edition is presumably on its . way to the printers.

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THE DUTY OF OPPOSITION

John Smith may never get a better opportunity to damage the prime minister in Parliament than on his first opportunity tomorrow. A new leader of the Opposition would normally expect some rehearsal before his first big night. Mr Smith will have none. If he rises to the occasion, he could set Labour on the way to being the serious opposition that Britain needs. All the signs are, however, that his instincts will hold him back.

ABBREATERS

David Pannig

Today Labour's shadow cabinet and national executive committee will be asked to support a policy paper hurriedly drawn up by the leadership to paper over party divisions. It is a declaration of support for Europe and for a system of stable or managed exchange rates. Any decision on Maastricht. it will say, should be postponed until after the Danish position becomes clear. Mr Smith is likely to add that he is firmly against a British referendum. In other words, Labour policy on Europe will be little

different from that of the government.
So lame a document will hardly provide Mr Smith with the ammunition he would need to make a mark. The Labour leader may be an able performer at the dispatch box, but his barbs will lack poison unless they are backed by an alternative and coherent opposition policy.

Mr Smith is in an understandable quandary. He has always been staunchly pro-European. He fought hard for the Common Market in days when his colleagues could barely utter the word market at all. As shadow Chancellor, he backed entry into the exchange-rate mechanism long before Mr Major took the plunge. Labour supported the whole of the Maastricht treaty and criticised Mr Major for negotiating opt-outs on the social chapter and economic and monetary union. Mr Smith fears to imperil his European credentials.

That would be a reasonable fear if support for Maastricht were a necessary condition for being pro-European. When the treaty was being negotiated, the one did seem to presuppose the other. All member states bar Britain seemed then both fervent and united in their support for the treaty.

But events have moved on. No longer do the other members unanimously or wholeheartedly support Maastricht. The Danes have rejected it and want substantial additions before they hold another referendum. The French have expressed the strongest possible reservations compatible with voting yes. The German people, if not their government, have grave doubts about EMU.

One of the most effective claims of the "no" campaign in France was that one could be pro-Europe but anti-Maastricht Mr Smith too could rationally oppose Maastricht in its current form without losing any of his pro-European credibility. He would both capitalise on the government's disarray and resolve the difficulties in his own shadow cabinet if he demanded that Mr Major back renegotiation of the treaty. He could reinforce his commitment to democracy by calling for a referendum in Britain on the renegotiated package.

There are many arguments of principle for a referendum in this country: the constitutional implications of the treaty, the inability of Parliament itself to change it and the splits within rather than between the parties. In such circumstances a whipped vote in the House of Commons would represent somewhat less than a triumph for democracy.

Mr Smith could add a little pragmatism to this cocktail. If and when the Maastricht bill reaches the floor of the House, Labour could make life difficult for the government by voting against procedural motions. But that would look like opposition for the sake of it. If Labour instead were to back an amendment calling for a referendum, it could confidently combine with enough Tory rebels to win.

Mr Smith has almost abandoned the duties of opposition in the past three months. He owes it to the country to do the job for which he is paid.

THE LOST HORIZON

If China's decision to publish a white paper on the situation in Tibet is a sign that it is prepared to institute reform in the country it has occupied and suppressed for 40 years, then the message is welcome. Since 1949, successive Peking regimes have done their best to eradicate the culture of Tibet and dilute its population with Han Chinese. While temporarily overshadowed by other tragedies - not least the massacre in Tiananmen Square in 1989 - this policy has continued relentlessly, only coming to light when brave monks defy the brutality of the Chinese army and security services to stage a protest, however small, or when a rare report about daily life is smuggled out in conditions of great peril. The Chinese government makes a determined effort to ensure that the rest of the world remains ignorance of its systematic destruction of the country's religious and cultural heritage.

The very publication of this white paper shows that the Chinese know they have a public relations problem to overcome; but even the most cynical Madison Avenue operation would not stoop to the sort of propaganda now being peddled by the old men of Peking. The white paper on Tibet follows similar exercises on human rights and prison conditions. These publications are as much to educate communist cadres on the official position on any given subject as to present a glossy face of China to foreigners.

For the new document to contribute to the dissemination of information about Tibet and to an improvement both in conditions there and in foreign understanding of the problems of the territory, it must be seen to be both fair and accurate. Unfortunately the first indications are that a number of its

points are misleading, and its thesis consists mainly of positions that the Chinese government well knows are both inaccurate and unacceptable. But even in that, the paper reveals what the government knows to be the weaknesses of its position, taking some trouble to refute foreign criticism of its policy of increasing the number of ethnic Chinese The white paper claims that there has been only a modest decline of 1.2 per cent in the ethnic Tibetan sector of the population since 1964. The Chinese government is clearly using only the area of the modern Tibet Autonomous Region for its calculations. This covers only about half the land area of traditional Tibet, and fails to take into account the thousands of ethnic Chinese soldiers, cadres, technicians and their famcountry.

In a world rapidly moving to recognise the rights of nationalities, the Chinese government has reiterated its insistence that Tibet has been an integral part of the country since the 13th century. It has once again rejected any kind of partial independence, and ruled out any prospect of talks with the Dalai Lama unless he concedes that point.

The British government moved tentatively last year to help end this tragedy by having the prime minister meet the Dalai Lama, if only in his religious capacity. The Chinese government, for its part, has now finally conceded that it has a serious problem. Western governments should take a lesson from the Chinese negotiating style, and use this so-called white paper as a starting point in the campaign to compel Peking to disgorge that benighted and oppressed

OPEN UNIVERSITIES

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals assembles in Exeter today for the last time as the old network representing the first division of British higher education, the universities. From next week it will be joined by the present second division, the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, to form a single club representing almost 80 universities of all sorts, old and new.

These are exciting times for higher education. Those toiling in the vineyards and salt-mines of Academe, after the constant changes and exhortations and political harassment of the past 30 years, must occasionally think of exciting times as the old Chinese curse, and long for a bit of peace to get on with their proper work of research and teaching.

But the ivory tower is an obsolete structure. Changes are flowing fast around its ruins. Top of the agenda this week must be the means to ensure that the direction of the flow

It is not as though there are that many national institutions in which the United Kingdom still confidently leads the world. From football to the problematic business of running an economy. British is no longer self-evidently best. But British universities still can make that claim. They now have a chance, while retaining the high ground, to take a step forward into the wider world in which higher education will become much

more widely available. Autonomy of universities is an old British tradition, fiercely defended as a bastion of free speech and thought. This autonomy has not always been well used; rigid egalitarian pay scales were aimed more at creating commonroom amity than promoting quality of work. There are few more devious defenders of territory than the academic as so many modern novels, many of them written by academics, describe.

But greater state control of university work would be worse. In order to preserve their independence from outside meddling, individual universities need to cede some of it to their representative body. The vice chancellors should ponder how best this can be done.

The leaders of higher education in Britain should be considering the vast and necessary expansion, which has increased student numbers to 1.2 million, double what they were 20 years ago. By the end of the decade, one in three British school-leavers is expected to go into some kind of further study. The vice chancellors need to ensure as far as possible that more does not necessarily mean

They should consider getting more use out of the academic year and academic plant. new teaching methods, and local rather than boarding universities. They must maintain the best of the old standards while doubling their student numbers. There must be no retreat from the pursuit of the highest in all subjects, which is at the heart of higher education. The Secretary of State for Education and Science should give his own advice on this topic when he speaks to the committee this afternoon.

The university sector has been redefined to include skills and professions previously neglected. This country is desperately short of competent and well-educated people in all fields, and there should be no snobbish mockery of catering or fashion design as

university subjects. The challenge is to help large numbers of people who have previously missed it to intellectual and aesthetic satisfaction. For too long Britain has been too elitist at excluding from esteem and self-esteem those who could have benefited from higher education. There is still a chance to get it

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The distinction between passive and

active euthanasia (referred to in your

editorial today) is too simplistic. A

code of ethics, enacted in legislation,

must be devised which ensures that

terminally-ill patients can die with as

little anguish and as much dignity as

possible without jeopardising the livelihood and liberty of their doctor.

Sir, I am disappointed that the jury in

Dr Nigel Cox's case did not exercise its

privilege of finding him not guilty in

spite of the evidence. The difficulty of

securing a conviction is a powerful

influence in bringing about a change

In any such change, an obvious

precaution against abuse of a doctor's

freedom to terminate life, legal or not,

would be to prevent his benefiting

Craigmyle House, Saint Felix School,

Sir, Every experienced hospital nurse

will, I am sure, have assisted a doctor

to end the life of a terminally-ill

patient, although some may be unwili-

Dr Cox has been made a scapegoat

for people like myself. The shame of it

all is that he has had to stand trial

alone, representing thousands of

caring doctors and nurses who have

committed exactly the same crime.

Malthouse Lane, Hassocks, Sussex.

Sir. I doubt if there were any

rheumatoid arthritis sufferers on the

jury at Winchester Crown Court. I

reckon Dr Nigel Cox deserves our

gratitude, for his courage and com-

His only mistake was to be too

honest in recording the event. "It is the

quality not the quantity of life that

under the will of the patient he kills.

1 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

From Mr John Campion

Yours faithfully. JOHN HARDY,

September 21.

in the law.

Yours faithfully,

September 21.

ing to admit it."

Yours faithfully,

September 20.

passion.

Yours sincerely

September 21.

MARY GILBERT,

Nr Dorking, Surrey.

Longmead, Westcott,

From Mrs Mary Gilbert

ANN BASTOW,

JOHN CAMPION,

Southwold, Suffolk.

From Mrs D. W. Bastow

Moral and legal issues raised by verdict on Dr Cox

From Dr Tim Helme

Sir, The law, in the case of Dr Nigel Cox freport and leading article, September 21), appears to have functioned with both malevolence and dissimulation. In threatening to destroy the doctor's career, by charging him with attempted murder, when there was no suggestion that he had not acted in his patient's interests and at her own request and with the consent of her family, the law appears to have behaved with remarkable inhumanity. By avoiding a prosecution for murder, and thus a mandatory life sentence, it seems merely to have attempted to dissemble its maleficence.

The moral justification for Dr Cox's action was that he believed he was motivated by compassion rather than malice. Three quarters of the population, it may be assumed from an opinion poll on euthanasia conducted by NOP in 1989, agree with him.

Had Dr Cox actually been charged with murder it is therefore likely that the jury would have refused to convict him, perhaps basing their decision on the commonsense view that he had not acted with "malice aforethought", a phrase which should be deemed to mean whatever they chose to take it to

The task confronting the law is to translate this moral justification into a legal defence, notwithstanding the difficulties inherent in attributing such motivation. What is required, therefore, is legislation by which a medical practitioner, after consultation with a colleague, would be obliged to notify his intent to kill before carrying out a conscientious act of euthanasia, in order to be able to claim a special defence. This might be similar to the mechanism which provides doctors with a restricted liberty to detain patients against their wishes under the Mental Health Act 1983.

What is not required is a system whereby the legal profession, rather than facing this task, deals with an intrinsically intractable problem by pillorying individual physicians.

Yours faithfully, tim helmé, 6 Rivermill, 151 Grosvenor Road, SW1. September 21.

From Mr Kenneth Rose

Sir, Dr Colin Brewer and Mr Ludovic Kennedy, in calling for a royal pardon for Dr Nigel Cox (letter, September 22), invoke the lethal injection given to King George V on his deathbed in 1936 by Lord Dawson of Penn.

There is a serious inaccuracy in their letter. The king was not suffering from

Policies outside ERM

Sir, The suspension of sterling from

the exchange-rate mechanism ends a

period in which the mechanism has shown itself to be the most effective

discipline experienced by the UK to

force down inflation. It is vital that we

maintain an international discipline

and hold fast to the goal of conver-

gence and European monetary union.

shown himself to have had a better

judgment than his fellow heads of

government on the realities of political

union. He has now been shown to

have had the better judgment on the

realities of monetary union when he proposed his "hard ecu" alternative to Delorist idealism.

The country cannot wait to stamble across an alternative anti-inflation policy. The current strategy should be

put back on the tracks. At their

October summit in London European

ministers should reaffirm their

staunch commitment to monetary

To make such commitment real

there should be the rapid adoption of a

hard ecu as legal tender throughout the EC, parallel to existing national

currencies. To underscore the anti-

inflationary stance participating gov-

ernments would be required to have

independent central banks or put in

place legislation to expedite the grant-ing of independence.

National currencies would continue

to have established but flexible rates

against the ecu. People and businesses

would have a direct choice about

choosing EMU by choosing to use

ecus. Consumers and companies

would be able to assess prices and costs

The prime minister had already

From the Chairman of the

Tory Reform Group

based upon the supposed physical suffering of the patient. His case-notes continue: "the curtailment of the

terminal cancer but from cardiac

weakness, caused by bronchial ca-

tarrh. At the time Dawson admin-

istered the injection, the king was

comatose and in no obvious pain.

Dawson's decision "to determine the end", as he put it, was not only phase of physical dying has long appeared to me right when any or various circumstances call for it whether those circumstances comprise pain or distress of the patient or affect relatives".

Many will feel that those last three words widen the grounds of cuthanasia to an unacceptable degree.

Yours sincerely, KENNETH ROSE, 38 Brunswick Gardens, W8. September 22

From Dr Peggy Norris

Sir, Your leading article today is wrong to suggest that "mercy" killing should become a lesser offence than homicide. The state must protect the life of every citizen, not least the sick.

The criminal law revision com-mittee decided that "mercy" killing should remain within the homicide law for this very reason; they thought it unjust to create a separate category of victim who would have less protection than one who was healthy. The Nathan committee also rejected the

proposal.

The hospice movement has accepted the challenge of treating dying patients and conquering their distress. Its expertise should always be called on in difficult cases.

Society often tries to make doctors bend the strict medical ethic, and never more so than at the present

Yours faithfully, PEGGY NORRIS (Honorary Secretary). Doctors who Respect Human Life, 79 St Mary's Road. Huyton, Liverpool. September 21.

From Mr John Hardy

Sir, By any standards of decency. compassion and humanity Dr Cox would have been guilty of a crime had he not administered the merciful last injection to his dying patient. Faced with an impossible ethical dilemma he acted with high moral courage and evidently in accordance with the wishes of his patient and her family. In consequence there is a possibility

that he may never be able to work in medicine again.

across the community, making real the single market and returning confidence to business planning. Competitive pricing and wage setting would hold down inflationary pres-

Such resolution and such toughen-ing of the institutional framework should be enough to allow the Bundesbank to change its chosen antiinflationary tool from high rates to a higher-valued mark - signalling beyond any doubt a period of falling mercal rates.

There are alternatives - letting the pound free-fall to get growth at any inflationary price, or an expensive (and perhaps futile) attempt to lob the pound back into the ERM, having already lost face once. The Chancellor's 'hurricanes" have cleared the ground for the government to go forward, having reshaped and strengthened its economic strategy and having put EMU back on track, based on pragmatism and popular choice.

Yours etc., NEALE STEVENSON. Chairman, Tory Reform Group, Sheraton House, Castle Park, Cambridge. September 21.

From Mr C. H. Harmer

Sir, The government has just spent £15 billion in a failed effort to preserve a rate of exchange which was ruining our economy. Yet if any of us suggested that we should raise a loan of £15 billion to build the high-speed rail link to the Channel tunnel, complete the Jubilee line and do all the things which we can all see with our own eyes are needed, an army of economists, experts and know-alls would tear us to pieces, and accuse us of stoking up in-flation and goodness knows what else. engineer the "martyrdom" ("Comment, Business News, September 3) of the British coal mining industry, at an estimated cost of £8 billion, apparently throwing out of work 25,000 direct production workers, and many more in the industries which supply and service the mines. All this for no discernible economic gain, while the purchase of foreign coal will add significantly to our balance of payments deficit.

Surely the time has come to put the practical needs of the real economy of trying to produce as much as we consume - before the dream of a distant Utopia to be achieved by manipulating monetary targets and exchange rates. Yours truly,

CHRISTOPHER HARMER. Catton House, Aynho, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Madron Seligman, MBP for Sussex West (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky, writing on September 19, made the tendentious statement that at least £15 billion of our foreign exchange reserves were lost unnecessarily on Tuesday, Sep-tember 15, or poured down the drain, as the headline put it.

They were not lost. They were used to purchase £15 billion sterling. Even as I write, this sum could, if necessary, be converted back into 39 billion deutschmarks, at a loss of only 6.4 per

Yours faithfully, MADRON SELIGMAN, Micklepage House, Nuthurst, Nr Horsham, West Sussex. September 19.

Attitudes on Tibet

From Mr John Billington

Sir, The Times has again supported Tibet and expressed scorn for the shameful appearement of China that successive governments have adopted (leading article, September 17). In the United States also increasing fury within Congress and the Democratic party is being voiced against the administration's soft attitude towards the tyrants of Peking at a time when political pragmatism no longer needs China to counter what was once a threat from the old Soviet Union. A review of our policy towards both

China and Tibet is long overdue. Yours faithfully, JOHN BILLINGTON.

10 Burton Road, Repton, Derbyshire. Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number - 071-782 5046.

Teachers' pay claim

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, You accurately quote me (leading article, September 15) as saying: "The government will tell us that now in the middle of a recession it is not the right time to increase investment in the service [education]." It is a pity that you did not also quote my following three short sentences: For this government, the right time to invest

in education never seems to come. For every child, now is the only time. For each child, there is only one time and it is always the

Since 1987 the government has determined teachers' pay. The effect has been to worsen the relative position of teachers' pay by over 10 per cent. During the same period other groups of employees. many in occupations which also compete for graduates, have had larger increases than

You suggest that teacher shortages

have practically disappeared. It is easy to end a shortage if you increase class sizes, double up classes when a teacher is off sick, erode teaching support time, and accept specialist subjects being taught by teachers without a relevant qualification.

It is also easy to recruit into teacher training if jobs are not readily available elsewhere. That does not ensure those students will remain in the

Once the economy improves we face the danger of a return to children being sent home because there are too few teachers. That will inevitably be the result if the government refuses to ensure teachers' salaries are competitive with those available elsewhere and reflect the importance of their role.

Yours sincerely. DOUG McAVOY, General Secretary, National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House. Mabledon Place, WC1. September 16.

'Tricks' in conduct of Romania ballot

From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home

Sir, This Sunday Western observers have been invited to Romania to attend without restrictions the presidential and parliamentary elections. The Romanian people themselves. however, are to be prevented by a new law from travelling their country to observe the elections and will suffer a prison sentence if they do so. Of course Western observers cannot cover the whole country, nor can they wait for two weeks after Sunday until the final count comes in - a trick well used in the 1990 elections.

Problems also arise over watching the ballot boxes on the Sunday evening, when they are removed from the voting stations to the counting headquarters. Officials have confessed to their friends how easy it was in the last election to despoil ballor papers unfavourable to President Iliescu and his National Salvation Front.

This time we know that in at least one region boxes full of stamped votes are already in place. In a closely contested election the temptation to tamper with the ballot will be still greater than during the 1990 election which Iliescu was bound to win without fraud.

Romanians still do not have access to free television and newspapers. Television is under Iljescu's control. Reporters who gave enthusiastic coverage to the king's visit in April were removed from their jobs. Other journalists have been shot at or harassed. Iliescu recently lost his temper with a journalist, Pavel Pirvu, at a campaign meeting in Constanta. and violently grabbed him by the neck. This, according to newspaper reports, was to teach him "Iliescu's form of democracy". State television did not report the incident and its film has been destroyed.

Opinion polls in Romania point to victory for the opposition, but if vote counting is rigged, the will of the people counts for nothing. With vast sums of aid waiting to be allotted to Romania, Western bodies must pay attention to the fine detail of the

It is important not only for Romanians themselves but also for the West that its aid is not inadvertently used to consolidate a corrupt and lawless regime which twice in the past has not hesitated to use a mob of miners to remove troublesome opponents.

Yours etc. JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME, 63 Hillgate Place, W8. September 21.

Thatcher and Priestlev

An equal folly is the decision to From Mr.J. B. Robinson

Sir, Jeremy Kingston says that the National Theatre's production of An Inspector Calls (review, September 14) shows "how false, currupting and dangerous are such pronouncements" as Margaret Thatcher's that "there is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women, and there are families". In my opinion the Thatcher quotation

aptly encapsulates the message of Priestley's play.

The girl in the play was not killed by "society" or "the system" but by the individual prejudice, greed and selfishness of the members of the That was precisely the message

which Baroness Thatcher tried to put across during her years in office. We are all individually responsible for what happens to ourselves and to others: the concept of "society" is merely an attempt to avoid personal

Yours faithfully, JOHN B. ROBINSON, Street Farm House, Stanton, Bury St Edmunds, September 14.

The 'Red Baron' From Dr J. A. Hellen

Sir, The description in today's Diary

of Manfred, Freiherr von Richthofen, "the infamous Red Baron" is scarcely fair. Richthofen is honoured in Germany and in Britain for combining the chivalry of an earlier age with pre-eminence as a fighter pilot. His portrait still hangs in the College Hall library at RAF Cranwell.

Yours faithfully, JOHN A. HELLEN, Trenance House, Lintzford Road. Rowlands Gill. Tyne and Wear. September 17.

Floating funds

From Mr Tom Rowland

Sir, This letter from a remote hamlet in Sussex to the editor of The Times spent under a minute en route thanks to the wizardry of modern electronics. A notice in our local building society announces that cheques paid in today, September 22, will be

cleared on October 3. I wonder if during these 11 days men in red braces will be making free with my money: maybe faxing it back and forth world-wide before the principal is finally credited on Sat-

urday week. Yours faithfully. TOM ROWLAND, Bushovel Farm, Wiston, Steyning, West Sussex. September 22.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE September 22: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the headquarters of Marie Stopes International at 62 Gratton Way, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Year of Dance (1993), this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Arts Council of Great Britain, 14 Great Peter Street, London SW1. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 22: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom, this evening attended a Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, and presented the Nursing Standard Bupa Nurse

The Lady Glenconner was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 22: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieumenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the

His Royal Highness opened the exhibition "City 2000" to celebrate the 1991-92 Woodwich National Schools Collage Competition at the Royal Incorporation of Archi-tects in Scotland, 15 Rutland

Afterwards The Duke of Gloucester visited the Traverse Theatre, Cambridge Street and subsequently visited the City Arts Centre, Market Street. Later His Royal Highness vis-ited the Waverley Care Trust's Milestone House, 9 Forrest Road. Finally The Duke of Gloucester. Honorary President, the Scottish Society of Architect Artists opened the Annual Exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh. Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE

Patron, this evening attended a concert to celebrate the London Philharmonic's inauguration as Resident Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, London

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Airport.

Squadron Air Training Corps at Cowbridge, South Glamorgan. Finally Her Royal Highness.

Birthdays today

Mr Gerald Balding, racehorse trainer, 56: Mr Ray Charles, singer, 62; Baroness David, 79; the Duke of Fife, 63; Mr J.E.A.R. Guinness, former deputy-chair-man, Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, 68; Six Gordon Hadow, colonial admin-Istrator, 84; Mr Richard Lambert, editor. The Financial Times, 48; Sir Henry Linton, diplomat, 84; Dr B.B. Lloyd, former chairman, Health Education Council, 72; Mr Charles Lloyd, former headmaster, Dulwich College, 77: Mrs Genista McIntosh, executive director, Royal National Theatre, 46: Mr Mickey Rooney, actor, 72; Mr Bruce Springsteen, rock singer, 43; Major-General D.E.B. Talbot, 84: Admiral Sir John Treacher,

Latest wills

brook, of Cranleigh, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,213,954 net. Mrs Mary Leapenan, of Halstock, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,019,398 net.

Appointment

Mr Nicholas Lester to be Landon Parking Director.

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 22: The Duke of Kent.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

September 22: Princess Alexandra today visited South Glamorgan, and was received by Her Majesty's and was received by Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant for South
Glamorgan (Captain Norman
Lloyd-Edwards).
Her Royal Highness unveiled a
plaque to commemorate 50 years
of flying activity at Cardiff-Wales
Airport.

Princess Alexandra, President, subsequently presented the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum to No. 293 (Cowbridge)

Patron, visited the shop of the People's Dispensary for Sick Ani-mals at 229 Cowbridge Road East. Cardiff Mrs Peter Afia was in

Dinner

Shrievalty Amedian The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner given by the Shrievalty Association and the Directors of the Sheriff's Millennium 1992 last night at Guildhall to mark 1,000 years of the Office of High Sheriff.

Captain Jeremy Elwes, chair-man of the association, and Mr W.H. Wentworth Ping, chairman of the sheriff's millennium, accompanied by their ladies, received the guests.

Captain Elwes presided and the Lord Mayor and Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, also spoke. Among those present were:

Viscountess Whitelaw, Major-General Viscountess Whitelaw, Major-General Viscountess Monckon of Branchley, Field Marshal Lord Branchley, Field Marshal Lord Branchley, Field Marshal Lord Branchley, King Lady Samal, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James and Lady Scott, Rata-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Greensway, Sir Atexander and Lady Greensway, Sir Atexander and Lady Reid, Sir Campydol Traherne, KC, Sir Alex and Lady Alexander, Sir Andrew and Lady Carnwalth. Sir Humbhrey Alex and Lady Alexander, Sir Andrew and Lady Caruwath, Sir Humphrey and Lady Cripps, Sir Richard Lloyd Jones. Sir Francis and Lady Pemberton. Sir Tornmy and Lady Macpherson. Sir Godfrey and Lady Thylor. Sir Basil and Lady Rhodes, Sir Donald and Lady Waters and the High Sheriffs of Greater Manchesser, West Yorkshire. Tynes and West, Gwynedd, Humberside, Oxfordshire, Lancashire, South Glamorgan, Powys. Suffolk, Cornwall. Surrey, Greater London, Leicestershire, Somerst, Berkshire, Essex. Merseyside, Derbyshire and Cambridgeshire and their escorts.

old herd leader from Namibia. Three castings made at a foundry in Chalford, Gloucestershire, are going to buyers in the US, Australia and France

Service dinner Royal Highland Fusiliers The Officers of the Royal High-land Fusiliers held their Armual Dinner at the Officer's Mess. 1st Banalion, Oakington Barracks, Cambridge, last evening. Briga-dier I.S. Reid, OBE, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

High art: David Lomax finishes off his sculpture of Hoarusib Bull, a 50-year-

Templer medal

The Templer medal for 1991. awarded by the Society for Army Historical Research for the most notable study on army history has gone to the late John Shepherd for The Crimean Doctors. A history of the British Medical Service in the Crimean War.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustus, first Roman emperor 23 BC-AD 14, Rome, 63 BC William Archer, journalist, Perth, 1856; Paul Delraux, au-reolist palmer, Belgium, 1897. DEATHS: Richard Bonington.

Juan Peron was re-elected presi

dent of Argentina, 1973.

DEATHS: Richard Bonington, landscape painter, London, 1828; Prosper Mérimée, novelist, Cannes, 1870; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1889; Eliza Cook, poet, Wimbledon, 1889; John Morley, Viscount Morley of Biackburn, statesman and writer, London, 1923; Signumd Freud, nowhistist, London, 1939; Pablo psychiatrist, London, 1939; Pablo Nenda, poet. Nobel laureate 1971, Santiago, 1973; Bob Fosse, choreographer, 1987.

A George Cross awarded to Emma

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will open the Cleveland Alzheimer's Centre at Kirkdale, Radeliffe Crescent. Thomahy, Stockton-on-Tees, at 11.50; will open the Teesdale Bridge, Stockton-on-Tees, at 1.00; will visit the Department of Radio-therapy and Oncology at South Cleveland Hospital, Middles-brough at 2,10; and will open the new premises of the Green Tyre Company at Riverside Park, Middlesbrough, at 3.10.
The Princess Royal, as Visitor, will

visit Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, 164 Bloomfield Road, Bath, at 10.00; as Parron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will visit the centre at Poolmead, Bath, at 10.50; as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the joint equestrian centre at Lackham Agricultural College, Lacock, Wilt-shire, at 1.00; and, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will open a scheme in Rushall, Wilsshire, at 2.30, developed by Wiltshire Rural

Housing Association.

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-inChief of The Royal Highland
Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's
Own Glasgow and Ayeshire Regiment), will visit the 1st Battalion at Oakington Barracks, Cambridge,

at noon. The Duke of Gioucester will unveil a plaque ar the Ancient House, the site of the former King Edward VI Grammar School, Eastgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, at 10.30; will open the Unitarian Meeting House, Northgate Street, at 10.40; will open the new swimming pool, Leiston, Suffolk, at 2.30; and will attend a concert at St James's Palace at 7.00 in ald of the Music

Therapy Charity. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Honorary Liveryman of the Baskennakers Company, will at-tend the annual dinner at Guildhall at 7.20. Princess Alexandra will amend a

ala performance of She Stoops to Conquer at Chichester Festival Theatre at 7.15 to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary year and in aid of the UK branch of international Social Services.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy CAPTAIN: J N A J Armsmong - MOD London 122,93; P J Grindal - Sea Cadet Corps 29,932; S N G Sloot - CINCNAVHOME 22,932; J B Taylor - JSDC Greenwich 6.1.93.

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COMMANDER: L J Bamber COllingwood 26.3.93: W E Benbow Staff of FONA 9.10.92: T Blakeley Suton (1.12.92: P M Zgarton - MGD
Bath 18.1.2.92: J Families - MGD Bath
8.1.93: D J Fifield - Staff of Cincilost
12.2.93: N J Hillier - ISDC Greenwich
20.11.92: J H Lastherby - FOSM
Northwood 15.1.93: N R Owen - BENC
Dartmouth 18.12.92.
URGGEON COMMANDER: A E J

SURGEON COMMANDER: A E J Hodges - RNAS Portland 14.7.93; D V Lung - ENH Phymouth 1.7.93; S J Squires - RNH Haster 1.8.93. CHAPLAIN: M Sharkey - HQ CDO Forces 29.9.92.

CAPTAIN: \$ LYONS - 12.12.92.

Medal sold

Townsend for saving a boy from a gunman in hospital at Kingsbridge, Devon, in 1932 sold for £2,860 at Spink in London.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.G.S. Ahluwalla and Miss V. Winter The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Ahhrwalia, of St Martin, Jersey, and Victoria, daughter of

and Miss F.A. Houston The engagement is announced between Michael Bullard. BScEng, REME, second son of Mr W.A. Bullard, Forgandenny, Perth, and Mrs J.C.M. Bullard, East Grinstead, West Sussex, and Fiona Houston, BSc. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.K. Houston, Potterhill, Paisley.

and Miss N.A. West The engagement is announced between Steven, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Ciampi, of

Major N.R. Davies, MC, and Miss S.J. Keating The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of

and Miss J.R. Start The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Maicolm Feldman, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Juliet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Starr, of St Johns Wood,

Mr T.L. GDes and Miss S.A. Graham

Lincolnshire. Mr W.D. Galliford and Mile B.P.M. Ramband

and Miss V.M. Taylor The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr and MIS Bruce McKay Forbes, of Freshford, near Bath, and Vanessa, only daughter of Major and Mrs John D. Taylor, of Sully,

Glamorgan. Mr R.M. Merrett and Miss A.E. Sim

> home of the bride. lic courses for the University of

Cambridge Board of Continuing Education.

Professor Christopher Wilkinson has been appointed to the James Watt chair of electrical

Telephone 071 481 4000

BIRTHS

TAYLOR - On September 19th, to Catherine (nee Elliott) and Julian, a won, George Arthur James, a brother for Alexander.

TEDBURY - On September 17th. to Loveday and Stephen. a son. a brother for Imogen and Pirm.

WARD - On September 17th, to Jame thee Smith and Anthony, a son, Henry Edward William.

WHELFTON - On Septement 21st 1992, to Sophie the Lanej and Charit. 2 son. Harry Edward. 8 brother for Alexandra.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On September 21st 1992. Deacetuily at Crewkerne Hoogstal. Somerset. Jill (Vivien Berta) aged 69 years, of Crewkerne, formerby of Aberdeen, Scotland Widow of Bill Anderson and beloved mother of Caroli. Graeme and Gordon. Funeral Service at St. Bartholomews Church. Crewkerne, on Thursday September 24th at 11.15 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the imperial Cancer Research.

donations it desired or the imperial Cancer Research Fund c/e Stoodley and Son Funeral Directors. The George Shopping Centre. Crewkerne. Somersel. tel: (0460) 73229.

ASHWIN - On Sunday

ASHWIN - On Sunday September 20th, peacefully. Molly, aged 88, widow of Paul Ashwin, Priest, Greatly-loved and much missed. Funeral Chichester Cathedral 12,45 pm Monday September 28th. Family flowers only.

flowers only.

BARNES - On September 19th 1992. peacefully in Oxford in her 94th year. Andree, former secretary of the British Council in Brussets and of the Belgo - British Union. Funeral private, memorial service to follow. All enquiries to Reeves and Pain. 288 Ablindon Road. Oxford Tel: 0865 242529

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IEARD - Ox Seylamor 19th
1992. Dom Andrew Beard.
Monk of Elmore Abboy, aged
89 years and in the 56th year
of his profession. Funeral
and Requient Mass at 11 am
on Wednesday Scalember
30th at St Mary the Virgin.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BIRTHS ARMSTRONG On September 18th 1992. to Caroline (née Corrad) and John. a daughler. Florence Mary Windward. MEWSTER - On Systemes 19th, to Jennifer thee Summerson) and Colla, a

BROWN - On September 19th, to kate unée Shorten) and James, a daughter, Phoebe Rose.

FELTON - On September 20th. to Mail inte AtcQlillvrzy) and Mike. a son, william Goorge von, William George FRANKLAMD - On September 19th, al Queen Charlotte's Hospilal, London, to Suzanne (ner Race) and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Taltulah. Ceorge and Anna, a son, Raphael Georgio.

HALPER - On September 15th in Budapest to Lyndsay and her husband, Philip Nelson, two sorts, Henry David and Alexander Howard,

HATTON - On September 18th, to Lorraine and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Rose.

HOLDSWORTH On September 15th 1992, at The Setho International Catholic Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, to Rebecca (não Hodge) and Simon, a daughter. Holly Elizabeth Carland.

LEE - On August 24th 1992. to Carole Anne Lee inte London; and Stephen Butchell, abuginer, Sophie Anne, a sister for Daniel Stephen Mitchell.

LEWIS - On September 19th to Jane (née Pleavin) and Mark, a son, Glies Howard Pleavin. MASSIE - On Scriember 14th, to Melanle the Morting) and Gordon, a daughter, Harriel Elizabeth. WELSON - See HAIDER.

MORTH - On September 17th, to Lucy and Jeremy, a daughter. RICKETT - On September 21st to Joanne Inée Clarket and Stephen, a son. Nile

SCHADE - On September 19th 1992, at The Portland Hospital to Sally Anne Infe Rowholmani and Felix & daughter. Seekla Antonia

Bleen, Newhory,

BICKFORD - On September
20th, peocefully at The
Hyde, Bridgort, Edith Mary,
aged 96, Much missed by all
her family, Thanksgiving
Service at Burton Bradstock
at 2.30 pm on September
25th, Flowers or docalions 25th. Flowers or donations to National Trust c/o A.J. Wakely and Son. Bridgort (0308) 23726. (0508) 25726.
CMRISTIE - On September 21st 1992, peacefully in hospital. George Kerr aged 7; years, formerly of the 3rd Bentalion Grenadier Guards 1938-1946. Beloved husband of Kathleen, dear father of Robble and Karen. Engularies to H.D. Tribo Ltd. (0905) 254516.

DEATHS CLIFFE - On September 22nd, peacefully at Westminster Hospital, Percy, beloved husband of Carles. Private funeral on Tuesday September 29th at 11.30 am at Putney Grematorium.
Thanksgiving commemoration for his life, at the Royal
Society of Medicine, date to be arranged. EARNSHAW - On Sestember 21st 1992, in Lewes, Sussex Max (Peter).

Luncheons

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Consular Corps of London

Admiral Sir James Weatherall, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

was the guest speaker at a lun-cheon given by the Consular Corps

of London at the Britannia Hotel

Mr W.S. Wilder, president, was

the host and also spoke. The

and Turkey attended.

Overseas Bankers Club

terday at the dub.

Ambassadors of Panama, Gabon

The German Ambassador was the

guest speaker at a luncheon of the Overseas Bankers Club held yes-

Mr Gunter Staffens presided

and Mr Roger Barnes also spoke.

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September 19th 1992 at
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FARMILOE - On September
17th 1992. Diana. very
special and loved mother of
Sarah. and sister of Natasha
and Anna. The funeral took
place on September 20th in
Gaucin. Spain. She will be
greatly missed.
Gilfroy - On September
1992. peacefully at Birtley
House Nursing Home.
Charlee Brydon (Bobble).
dear husband of Betty and
much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
Funeral brivate at his own
request. Please no letters.
HILTON - On September
20th, peacefully. Honor,
mother of Anne and Joanna
and grandmother of Sarah.
Jonathan, Nicholas, James
and Thomas. Family flowers
only but rather donations to
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Nempster & Sons. 24 Albion
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in Cumbria. Iain Cordon
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toved husband of Jean and
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Whitten, Twicteenham.

MACARA - On September
21st 1992, the Reverend
Alexander Macara M.A.
Minister of Irvine Oid Parish
Church 11928-1978),
beloved husband of Annie
Stark Munro and of the late
Marton Wisentan Mackay
and much loved father of
Sandy and Ann. No flowers
or letters by request, but
donations may be sent to The
Friends of The Biggart Hospital, Prestwick (0292-70511).

21st 1992, peacefully in Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Bernard V. Marston, aged 76 years, formerly Bank of England, beloved husband, father, grandfather and grandfather. Funeral Monday September 28th at 3pm si Si James' Church, Shere, No Bowers please but much needed donations in his memory for Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, may be sont to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey.

MATTERTON On September 22nd. aged 77. Alexander Herbert Hume, after a long and brave fight against illness in San Remo. Italy, Devoted husband to Miriam of VIo Googhe 519, San Remo. Will be dearly missed by his son lan, daughter Yolande and grandchildren sobel. Alastair, James and Matthew, Funeral September 24th in San Remo.

MATTHEM'S - On September 20th 1992, very suddenly, Paul Gerald Douglas, adored husband of Sally, cherished and devoted father of Rupert. Sopple, William and Lucy and much loved son of Gerald and Ellem and brother of Angela, Funeral Service at St. Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane, on Monday September 28th at 2.30 pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations please to; N.S.P.C.C.

McKAY - On September 21st 1992 peacefully Peter G.F. Mckay, aged 91 years, beloved husband or Anpe, much joved Father of latin and Maggie. and devoted Crandinher of Alastair. Catriona. Charlotte and Andrew and of Candida. Fenella. Sacha and Alexander. Cremation private. No flowers please, but in Thankspiving for his long and healinty life he would have appreciated doublook to The Motor Neurone. tenations to The Motor Neurone Disease Association. P.O. Box 246. Northampton: A service of thanksgiving will be held at St. Michael's Church. Yorklown. Camberley, at 11.00 am on Salurday October 3rd.

MORGAN - On September 19th 1992, very peacefully at Ysbyty Clan Clwyd, Bodelwyddan, Doctor Bernard George of Tany-Fron. 45 Church Walks, Lianduston, eged 76. Darling husband of Joan Elizabeth and proud toxing lather of Jonathan, David, Jane and Artne and grandfather of Jennie, Anna, Robert, Rowan, Jessica, Andrew and David. Private family funeral. Donations. If desired, grandfully accepted for Haematology Unit, Ysbyty Clan Crwyd. Bodelwyddan. Clwyd. All enquiries to Scott Owen. Tom Owen and Son F/D. II Bodinyfryd Road, Liandudno, 10492, 850280. Per Ardua ad Astra'.

DEATHS

O'BRIEN - On September
14th, peacefully in his sleep
at Busbridge Hall Nursing
Home. Godalming. after a
long tilness quiety endured.
Alphansus James Peter
(bord April 10th 1913), wartime photographer and
plantst, beloved husband of
Pamela inde Cordon Reevel
and much loved father of
Patricia. Anthony and
Dominic.

Dominic.

O'HARA - On September 15th, Sheelagh Alke Ismay Violet Chevaller Del-ordre De Leonald 2nd P.H.D. (University of Louvain) formerly Secretary to the Anglo-Belgian Society. peacefully at Trebursye Manor Nursing Horne. Launceston, Cornwall, sister of Sean and elected daughter of the late Colonel Charles Henry (Royal Irish Constabulary) and Laura Mary O'Hara. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Cuthbert Mayre.

Launceston, Cornwall, by Thursday September 24th at 10 am rollowed by cremation at Bodmin Cremalocium. Cornwall. Interment of asthes and

Cornwall, on Thursday September 24th at 10 am followed by cremation at licedumic Commencement of asthes and Momental Mass at a batter data at Ealing Abbey, London W.6. Donations in her memory may be given to a local charity of your choice. Enquiries to Maddaford & Son, 48 St Thomas Road. Launceston. Cornwall. Launceston. Cornwall.

OnCHARD - On September 21st. Hugh Barrington (Barry). Late of Tonbridge School and friend to many pupils and staff, past and present. All will be welcome at the Funeral Service at The Quad Chapel. Tonbridge School. on Wednesday September 30th at 2 pm. All Barry's request there will be no memorial service. Family flowers only.

PAPERONTH - On Septer 21st. Veronica Paptworth.

21st. Veronica Paptworth.

well-known journalist and
fashton artist, wife of the late
Major K.C.J. Christianson.

1939-1951 and of the late
Jon Waltay F.R.C.S. 1953
1982 peacefully following a
stroke. Much loved mother of
Plona, Cais and Jonty.

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Memorial Service will be
held at Penn Church at 8
date to be apnounced.

PROCTOR - On Sunday September 20th af Mereford County Hospital. Helena Mary, aged 85 Years, of Ledbury. Herefordshire. Beloved wife of Jesse (Archideacon Emeritus of Warwick). Mother of Margaret. Michael and Helena and a much loved grandmother. Fumeral Service will take place at the Church of St Michael and Alpets, Ledbury, on Monday Church of St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury, on Monday Seplember 28th at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations for The Children's Society or Age Concern Ledbury would be welcome and may be sent to B. Hawcutt F/D, Holmestate. Newbury Park Ledbury. Herefordshire HRB 1AS.

DEATHS BTART - On Swiember 22nd
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Edward Henry Start,
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Barnet, Herta., bit: (081) 4483678. HICHES - On September 19th

HICHES - On September 19th, Crace Josephine, F.L.A., peacefully, Beloved sister of Stylvia, brother-in-law Ronald and Auta of Simon. Late District Librarism. Mayfair Cibrarism. Mayfair Cibrarism. Mayfair September 25th at 2.30 pm at S Matthewis Church. Tarring Road. Worthing, Indiewed by creamation at Worthing Cremation and Worthing Cremation of Matthews for R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o Diffusions Fungral Service. 191 South Farm Road. Worthing, Sussex.

SCARISBRICK On September 21st, Disna Mary, dearly loved sister of Bunty, blesnor and Jack, devoted sister-in-law, coustn, aunt and great-aunt, and preclous Irriend to mary. Funeral Mass at Our Lady's, Lisson Grove, London NWS, at 11am, on September 25th, followed by cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium. Family flowers only, Donations instead please to Society of St Vincent de Paul c/o H.J. Bent & Co., IC Aberdeen Place, NWS B.IN.

Equitive D - on September 20th. Dorothy, aged 87. of Welwyn Garden City. Hertfordshire. Fineral at \$5 Francis Church, Welwyn-Garden City, on Tuesday September 29th at 2 pm. No flowers please, Donasions for Grace Muriel Abbeyfield House appreciated c/o Phillips Punictal Services, 68 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts, ALI SEL, let: (0727) 51006.

SINDEN - On September 18th 1992. peacefully at Staplehurst Manor Nursing Home. Ethel, aged 104 years. She was a dear friend of the Deedes family for 90 years. Funeral Service to be held at St. George's Church. Benenden. Kanl. on Friday September 25th at 2.30 pm.

SLORAINISM - On Scotamber 17th 1992 in Florida, Jan Zygmunt, M.B. Ch.B. M.B.E. Dearly loved husband of Marilyn, beloved father of Anne and grandoons Coorge and Nicholds. His Gustel his and Nicholas. He fought his illness with characteristic

Vera (née Rufn), at hondir ofter a long liness. Devoted wife of the late Michael Spieter whom she adored. Beloved mother of Sue Lufter and sister of Shella Singer.

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SMART - On September 19th 1992 at Si Mary's. Paddington, Hilary. much loved mother of Nicholas. David and Nigel and grandmother of Matilda. Bestrice. Joseph. Susan and Georgia. Funeral Service at The Carmeilles, Kensinston Church Street. at 11 am on Monday September 28th.

IN MEMORIAM -

POTEJETER - On S 19th. my Pether. In loving memory of my beloved fether. Distance has separated us. My love has and always will be everlasting. I love and miss you. Your loving daughter feet. LEGAL NOTICES BOWMATE LIMITED

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WHITTING On September 22nd, peacefully all home in Tenterden. Dorothy aged 98 years, widow of the late M.H. Whiting and of the late R.H. Miller, Friends will be welcomed at St Andrews Catholic Church, Tenterden, on Monday September 28th at 11. atn. Family flowers only. Receiver: 17th September 1992.
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THOMAS - Martord. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Harford Thomas, lournalist and environmentalist. on Friday October 23rd at 12 noon at 81 Bride's Church. Fleet Street. in the City of London.

IN MEMORIAM PRIVATE

POTENTIES - On season berief to be supported to the showen and daughter's love is very apecial ours was extra special. I will miss you you've gone to a place where you can rest and be happy. You'll be forever in my heart. You've gone to a place where the support of the showen and control to the showen that the support of the showen that the support of the showen the showe

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Preece, of Fakenham, Norfolk, and Alison Mary, elder daughter

Southport, Connecticut, USA.

of Mr and Mrs E.P. Wilbur, of

The marriage took place in London on September 18, be-tween Mr Kevin O'Sullivan and

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 19, at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, of Mr Richard Crane. son of Mr and Mrs David Crane. of Hallough-

ton, Nottinghamshire, and Miss Caroline Chivers, daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Chivers, of Girton.

Cambridge. The Rev David Conner officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Emma Stockbridge, Henrietta Plint, Olivia Lyth, George Warshaw and Jamle Macfarlane, Mr Mark Hill was

A reception was held at the

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 5, at St Peters' Church, Chantilly, France, of Mr

Timothy Ward, second son of Dr and Mrs Haydn Ward, to Miss

Fiona Barras, eldest daughter of Mr L.W.B. Barras, of Gouvieux,

France and Mrs Gloria Barras, of

The bride was attended by

Charity Barras, Tamara Warren, Charlotte and Sophie Dyer, Emma Kelly and Edward Ward.

Mr Duncan Ward was best man.

The reception was held at the

Haslemere, Surrey,

Marriages

Mr K. O'Sullivan

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and Miss F.T. Barras

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Greenwich, Connecticut, and Nicky, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard West, of Penn, Beacons-

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The engagement is announced between Tom, eldest son of Mr D.L. Giles, of Fairfax, Virginia, and Mrs V.G. Giles, of Kensington, London, and Sara, only daughter of Dr A. Graham, of Apperley, Gloucestershire and Mrs R.J. Horne, of Uffington,

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs M.N. Gulliford, of Cothelstone, Somerset, and Beatrice, elder daughter of M and Mme Seine et Marne, France Mr A.J.B. McKay Forbes

The engagement is announced between Russell, son of Mr Neville between Rissen, son of Mr Newson Merrett, of Hove, Sussex, and Miss Renaus Merrett, of Oxied, Surrey, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles Sim, of Shalford Green, Essex.

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RANTIPOLE (b) A rake; wild, disorderly, rakish, a romp, a wild, ill-behaved or reckless person, perhaps a fanciful formation on runt: "Mariborough's letters to the duchess are intact and ample, but allowances have to be made for anyone writing to that rantipole lady."

WAMBLE (a) A rolling or uneasiness in the stouanch, a feeling of nansea, probably two or more verbs have coalesced, one of them corresponding to the Danish samle to feel nauses, a frequentative formation on the Tentonic root went: "Our meat going down into the stouanch merrily, and with pleasure, dissolveth incontinuative all smoothers." incontinently all wambles."

CATERAN (c) One of a Highland band, a Highland irregular fighting man, reiver, or marander, from the Gartic centhairne peasantry, the whole claim below the chief and his nobs: "Plundering caterains always ready to flock to those who promised booty."

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OBITUARIES

PIERRE-FÉLIX **GUATTARI**

Pierre-Félix Guattari, French psychoanalyst. author, died of a heart attack near Blois on August 28 aged 62. He was born on April 30, 1930.

JEAN Oury. Pierre-Felix Guattari's mentor and collaborator, put his finger on his friend's chief characteristic when he declared in posthumous tribute that Guattari's life had been "a constant work in progress". His late colleague was among the most fluid, versatile and edectic of the leading psychiatric thinkers of his day.

Guattari was a man of high intelligence, wisdom, and tolerance. He was gifted with a humility rare in his profession, but then he always resisted the notion of "professing" any single discipline. And he tended to refer to himself as an amateur. He had the charm, honesty and good faith of one of his most notable French predecessors, Charles Fourier. and, like Fourier, could see the good as well as the bad in almost anything. Jack Lang, France's culture minister, who by Guattari's standards had defected to the enemy, said that his "thoughts were always rapid and inventive". He was



influence Guattari. Michel Foucault's 1961 book Histoire de la folie was crucial and so was a 1969 meeting with Gilles Deleuze, who was to become his close friend and collaborator.

Guattari had met the psychoanalyst Jean Oury while he was still at school, and fol-French "anti-psychiatry" school. Through Oury he underwent analysis with Jacques Lacan. Oury, strongly under Lacan's influence, had founded a clinic, La Borde, near Blois, where the methods were "anti-psychiatric", and where the patients were encouraged to help in operating the establishment Unlike R. D. Laing in Britain, Oury believed that schizophrenics were II -- rather than "creative" - but he also believed that they could be

Carlotte of The Tolland

cured. He, Guattari and others achieved some remarkable results without recourse to drugs or restraint. However, La Borde was, and still is. regarded as revolutionary by the French medical establishment.

Guattari followed Oury in joining the École Freudienne, which Lacan founded in 1964, and eventually became an analyst there, as well as building himself a private practice and continuing at La Borde. After seven years of analysis he became disenchanted with some aspects of Lacan's methods, which he felt still owed too much to Freud; but, typically, remained a member of the school until it was wound up.
It was characteristic of

Guattari that he should have caused great consternation by circulating to some inmates of France's conventional psychi-atric hospitals the key-designs for their locked wards. It was probably fortunate that the authorities changed the locks. in order to frustrate a mass exodus of intellectual psychotics. But it was less fortunate that no one took the point he was making. Guattari's heyday came in

mix-up of factions then in

existence there: the divided

British administrators, the

equally divided settlers, the

warring tribes - and the bands of merchants with their

differing interests. He became

aware, too, of the notorious

corruption that characterised

"Happy Valley".

At the outbreak of war

Hanley joined the Royal Irish

Pusiliers. He served for seven

years, at first in Africa — where

he was involved in the Somali-

land campaign — and then in

Burma as a war correspondent with the 11th East

African Division. His first

book, Monsoon Victory

(1946), which received little

attention, tells the story of the

14th Division in 1944 in

Burma, and its battering by

the monsoon in the early

summer of that year. He had

himself been, as a captain,

involved in the division's

march down the Khaban Val-

ley and the establishment of a

bridgehead at Kalewa which

opened the way to Mandalay.

After the war and publication

of his first book Hanley tried working for the J. Arthur Rank film organisation in

India and Pakistan, and for

the World Service of the BBC.

But he did not much enjoy himself, and in 1950 returned

Ernest Stahl, Taylor Professor of

and fellow of The Queen's College, Oxford, 1959-69, died at his home in

that city on September aged 89. He

was born in Senekal in the Orange Free State on December 10, 1902.

ERNEST Stahl was the doyen of German

studies at Oxford. He will be remembered

with affection by those fortunate, enough

to have been intored by him at the Queen's College and Christ Church, to

have attended his university lectures or

simply to have known him as a friend.

Stahl was not content to be just an

academic. He translated Goethe's Faust

with Louis MacNeice, although he did

not say much about it and he downed a

Ernest Ludwig Stahl studied English.

German and history at the universities of Capetown, Oxford, Cologne, Berlin and Heidelberg. That training made him as

much at home in the historical approach-

es favoured in Germany at the time as in

the Anglo-Saxon preference for close

After a year as a lector at the University

of Berne, where he published his thesis on

Bildungsidee und Bildungsroman, he

became an assistant lecturer in German

at Birmingham. He went to Oxford as a

lecturer in 1935. Ten years later he was

appointed reader in German there and a

student of Christ Church. From 1959 to

1969 he was Taylor Professor of German

attention to specific authors and texts.

few jars with Dylan Thomas.

1968, when he was directly involved in "occupations", "happenings" and other student phenomens. Although he was against all authority and had at one time been a member of the Communist party, he came to criticise the revolutionaries for their failures, but always thought of the 1960s as a time of "spring" and what followed as stuitify ing. He became associated in the public mind with terrorism, mainly through his support of - or loyalty to - such igures as the Italian Red Brigades' professor Toni Megri; but he was never nimself involved in violence. After he met Deleuze, Guattari wrote many books.

The most important of these,

done in collaboration with the

Neo-Nietzschean Deleuze.

was the influential text L'Anti-Odipe (1972), a violent attack on Lacan's dogmatism. To the majority of Anglo-Saxon readers this, and other books both with and without Delenze may seem hard to read; impenetrable and over-abstract. But, with the work of Foucault. Lacan himself and Derrida, it has exerted a powerful effect. Guattari, too, was more humorous and certainly less solemn than many of his French contemporaries. He will be remembered not only for the personal help he gave to individuals as a remarkable non-doctrinaire therapist, but also for his essentially self-critical stance. and his perpenual readiness to admit that he might be, and probably was, wrong. He spent considerable efforts to make his mind up - and then

MARY BAUTISTA

to change it.

Mary Concepcion
Bautista, chairman of the Philippines government's Human Rights Commission, died on September 20 aged 73.

MARY Bautista, a lawyer, was active in street demonstrations against the late President Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted in the 1986 uprising that installed Corazon Aquino as president. She was later appointed to the Presidential Commission on Good Government, which Mrs Aquino formed to track down the Aquino government.

billions Marcos allegedly embezzied.

Mary Bautista then became the chairman of the human rights commission. In that for their complaints of contin uing abuses during the

Lloyd (editor, Daily Express) with Mr Paul Potts (deputy editor). Mr

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the editor) and Mrs Anderson with

Mr Alan Cochrane (executive edi-tor); Mr Brian Hitchen (editor, the

Daily Star) with Mr Graham Jones (news editor): Mr Arthur

Davidson (Mirror Group News-

papers) with Mr Richard Stott

post, she convinced the armed forces to sign a covenant to respect civil liberties. But she was widely criticised for allegedly not showing the same zeal in pursuing abuse cases dur-ing the rule of Mrs Aquino. For her part she often criticised Amnesty International and other rights groups

GERALD HANLEY

Gerald Anthony Hanley. irish novelist, died on September 7 aged 76. He was born in Ireland on February 17, 1916. GERALD Hanley's fiction could hardly have been more different from that of his more prolific brother, the late James Hanley, who was his senior by 15 years, and who was regarded by a sizeable minority of critics as one of the twentieth century's most neglected mafor writers. Gerald was not in that high class (one all on its own in any case), but for all that, at the time of their appearance, his novels, from The Consul at Sunset (1951) onwards, tended to obtain more immediate recognition - and sales. At the age of 16, in 1932. Hanley went to Kenya, then a British colony, to take up farming. In his five years there he was able to assimilate the effects of the most astonishing

> time at Palumpar, at the foot of the Himalayas, in the Punjab. Here he lived a simple life amongst the local inhabitants, in a thatched hut, and here he completed the novel that was to bring him to the attention of the reading public. The Consul at Sunset was published by Collins in 1951, and was greeted with enthusiastic reviews from almost every quarter. He never bettered it. It is set in an outpost in Ethiopia, during the second world war. There is a tribal dispute about the use of water-holes. The chiefs oppose not only each other but the Italian and the British forces. The settlement of the dispute lies in the hands of white men, none of whom is truly adequate — or possibly could be truly adequate — to this complex situation. There was later some dispute about the "political correctness" of what was taken to be Hanley's attitude, but in fact he idealises no one, not the native inhabit-

ants, and certainly not the political officer or the "weak liberal". His army men, in particular a colonel of the old school, do at least measure up to events, but the book ends with their own recognition that these will soon be beyond them. The colonel is a figure such as is sometimes given prominence in the novels of Conrad: a man of personal integrity, but of limited insight, who performs the task that has to be performed, and tends to lose self-respect by his devotion to it.

Although Africa remained the terrain upon which Hanley was most effective, he was interested in India and what he believed might come out of it. "From India," he wrote, will certainly come some new kind of civilisation in which the best of the past and the present will be mingled." He inevitably became disappointed: but he continued to explore the effects of the colonial and post-colonial situation on the individual conscience in a

PROFESSOR ERNEST STAHL

His publications included studies of

Hölderlin's symbolism, books on the

plays of Schiller and Kleist, editions of

Goethe's Werther, Iphigenie and Tasso, Lessing's Emilia Galotti and Rilke's

Duino Elegies. His inaugural lecture at

Oxford was "Creativity, a theme from the

He gave great encouragement to his

students, especially if their passions happened to coincide with his own. There

was never any trace of condescension: he

would respond with the same interest and

forbearance to the weekly essays read to him, though these were likely to be far

more opinionated than anything he

would ever allow himself to write. Dutiful

Duino Elegies and Faust".

his understanding of Indian philosophy and religion. However, his one travel book, Warriors and Strangers (1971). a lucid and much praised study, dealt with Africa. Previously a critic in the (then anonymously written) Times Literary Supplement had written of his style as "highly sensuous strongly charged with muscular effort, tactile impressions, gleams of intense vision" - and nowhere was this more apparent than in Warriors and Strangers, which could be reprinted now, even when so much of what it describes has dated, with little loss. Both The Year of the Lion (1953) and Drinkers of Darkness (1955) are set in Africa;

manner much influenced by

the latter in particular reflects the "Happy Valley" mentality of ignorant and mostly inefficient people bent on asserting an imagined prestige in a situation to which they have deliberately blinded them-selves. In The Journey Homeward Hanley did try an Indian setting: a state in the Himalayas after partition is exposed as the plaything of corrupt lead-ers. But, perhaps because his sense of reality clashed with his quietist ideals, this was a weaker novel. Succeeding fiction remained competent and readable, but added little. All his novels, however, were outstandingly well written, even if the later ones are a little monotonous and feeble in the portraits of women which they offer. One always had the impression, if but faintly at first, that Hanley did not quite know how to place women in his scheme of things, which depended greatly on the exer-cise of a Conradian integrity and devotion to the job in hand: occasionally they were seen as tempting and even hideous distractions from the true path, and men's sometimes violent affection for them as an irritating feature of the cosmic scheme.

Hanley, who returned to Ireland, had a hand in the script — a vast improvement on Jack Hunter's novel - for the film The Blue Max (1966). and also wrote a radio play (1962) called A Voice from the

student performances were turned into

His lectures on the weiter and cross-

currents of ideas in 18th century German

literature, close to his early concern with

the religious and philosophical origins of

the German Bildungsroman, were stimu-

lating enough to draw students out of

their literary shells and guide them to new

areas of reading. It was his gift of sympathetic response, to texts and ideas

as much as to his pupils and friends, that

made him the outstanding teacher he

He was disinclined to talk about

himself, especially to his students. His

circle of friends was one of artists and

writers who could be as bohemian as the

painter Gerald Wilde - reputed to be the

model for Joyce Cary's Gully Gimson.

Many were the denizens of that second

Ernest Stahl is most likely to be

remembered beyond the circle of his

surviving pupils and friends for his translation, in collaboration with Louis

MacNeice, of Faust, which remains one

of the liveliest versions in English of the

play. Again he rarely spoke about his part

in this work, which he left out of his list of

publications in Who's Who: but Mac-

Neice recorded his debt to the "constant

advice from Stahl", without which he

would have "been lost", and to Stahl's

'scholarship and gift of interpretation".

and his joy in the diversity of persons,

things and ideas that made Ernest Stahl

much more than a specialist in his

stands out, however, as one

which is not seeking to under-mine orthodox Christianity

but to place it on a better

footing with its Jewish parent.

The Council of Christians and

Jews, whose six presidents

include the Cardinal Arch-

bishop of Westminster and the

Chief Rabbi as well as the

Archbishop of Canterbury, is

attempting to demolish any

remnant of anti-Jewish teach-

ing by the churches, promote

better understanding and up-

hold the ethical teachings

☐ An anti-Semitic editor has

been arrested in Russia follow-

ing the publication in his

paper. Russkoye voskresenye.

of an article titled The Murder

of Christian Babies by Jews,

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common to both religions.

It was the same gift of interpretation

literary university, the pubs of Soho.

Sir Robert

Sir Robert Micklethwait (September 16)? You mention his publication of The National Insurance Commissioners in 1976. You say that this was published as a paperback by Hamiyn. In fact, the book was the published version of the Hamlyn lectures, for which he was invited to be the lecturer for that year and which was a very distinguished addition to the series of annual lectures. now well over 40. They were published by Sweet & Maxwell and were delivered in the University of Edinburgh. I thought that, being a



Martyn C. Gowar

1955

SEPT 23 ON THIS DAY

This tribute was written by Alan Pitt Robbins, at one time

WIT AND WISDEN IN MEMORIAM

PARDON - Sydney H. Pardon, born Sept. 23, 1855, died Nov. 20, 1925, Editor of "Wisden's" 1891 to 1925, A splendid journalist and a great gendeman.- Olive and Alan

Tribute is paid on the front page of The Times this morning to the memory of Sydney H. Pardon, who was born a hundred years ago to-day. Although it is a few months short of thirty years ago since he died his name is remembered with affection and gratitude wherever cricket is played, and wherever Wisden's Cricketers Almanack is studied by lovers of the game who look upon it with awe as one of the most complete reference books ever placed upon the market.

Surrey Pardon

don would not have made a success at broadcasting. His voice was too gentle and his sight was so poor that he could not follow cricket without the most powerful glasses. He would probably have been impatient with those who were compelled to take snap decisions on a meritorious batting, bowling, or fielding performance. He preferred to form more leisurely judgments, and events rarely proved him to be wrong, as any who care to read the Editor's notes in successive issues of "Wisden's" will discover. It is a coincidence that John Wisden first opened his "cricket and cigar depot" in London in the year of Pardon's birth. He launched his Almanack in 1864. Pardon took over the editorship in 1891 and held it until his death in 1925. One of his greatest friends, happily still with

wrote after his death that on all

questions which agitated the

cricket world his views were

always judicious and that he

never wrote an unkind word

about a cricketer because, although criticism was sometimes imperative, the charitable touch was never wanting and nor was his sense of humour.

APPRECIATIONS

Lt-Cdr Dennis Copperwheat

IT IS a good story but not true that Lt-Cdr Copperwheat, GC, (obituary, September 14) returned to the burning ship in Grand Harbour, Malta, when the scuttling charges failed to go off and "was still on deck surrounded by fire and minor explosions when the charges went off — lifting him bodily into the air and nearly killing Copperwheat gave an inter-view for the BBC in November

1942 . just after his George Cross was gazened, when he explained how he scuttled the ship from the jetty but inadvertently blew himself up as well! "While we were working there was terrific heat." he said, "and ammunition was

exploding all over the place, but everything was ready in a

started off for the jetty we found that our electric cable was too short, so we had to junction a piece more on. Having finally got ashore, I looked around for a sheltered place from which to fire the charge and escape the blast. The cable was rather short, but it just reached the corner of a building. Having sent the men to shelter I touched the ends of the leads on to the battery, but NOTHING happened. I got from under my shelter and checked up and found that I was not holding the end of the "earth" connection. So pleased was I to find this that I touched the correct leads on the battery without getting back in the shelter. However, I got there quickly enough, because the force of the explosion threw me in!"

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Viscount Muirshiel

APROPOS your sympathetic obituary of Viscount Muirshiel (obituary, August 21), allow me to add a small footnote to history which provides a different slant to

Maclay's leaving the Government. On the night which has been called the "Night of the Long Knives", the only occasion when a prime minister of Britain dismissed seven ministers in one fell swoop, I dined at the old Conservative Club in London and before I left, rather late, I noted from the ticker-tape that Maday had been made a Companion of

Honour. Walking down Jermyn Street on the way to Piccadilly Circus 1 ran into Maday walking in the opposite direc-tion. Having known him slightly at Winchester, I greeted him and offered him my sympathy on the plight in which he found himself. He was obviously depressed and answered to the effect: "Yes, its a bit hard". I then said: "But



congratulations on your

Maday looked so puzzled that I said: "You have been made a Companion of Hon-"Oh, have they given me

that?" — his exact words — he replied. We said goodnight and parted. I was so astounded by the episode that it made an indeli-

ble impression on my

E. F. Aglen

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MAY I refer to the obituary of

matter of record, it was worth



can be expected and who can be

regarded as the best batsman brought forward for years."

had not to face the competition of commentators on the air. Par-

In those days writers on cricket

Home News Editor on the

"S.H.P." who combined for some years the positions of Editor of "Wisden's." Cricket Correspondent of The Times, and a partner in the Cricket Reporting Agency, established a unique individual position in cricket. As far as his closest friends knew, he had never played the game in his life. But he became the recognised au-thority on the game whom county captains and even the M.C.C. were glad to consult. His descriptive writing was ad-mirable and he had an uncarrny knack of picking out the promis ing young player. To be selected as one of the five hopefuls of the season in "Wisden's" was an honour greatly prized. On the first occasion that Pardon saw Victor Trumper his innings consisted of six balls only, but at the end of it Pardon was convinced that he had seen the greatest bat that Australia had ever produced. When Sir Jack Hobbs made his first appearance for wrote in "Wisden's" that there was a new player "from whom a great deal

But, although cricket was both his business and his hobby, it was always Pardon's proudest boast that he had written special articles for The Times on four widely different subjects cricket, the drama, opera, and horse racing. It was the writer's privilege to invite him to write a series of seven special articles on the theatre. They appeared in August and September of 1920 under the general tide, "Fifty Years of the Stage, Some Memories." Those memories ranged from a production of As You Like It at the Old Imperial Theatre in Westminster in 1880 to the forgotten jubilee" of the first production of Tom Robertson's comedies in 1865 . . .

Memorial service

Mr lain Walker A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Iain Walker was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Jon Ryan, News Editor of The Mail on Sunday, read the lesson and Miss Kirsty Walker, daughter, read from the works of Sylvia Plath. Mr Stewart Steven. Editor of the Evening Standard, gave an address. The Right Rev Graham Leonard pronounced the blessing. Among others present were: Mrs Walker (widow), Mr Andrew

Walker (son), Mrs Louie Walker (mother), Mr and Mrs Graeme Walker (brother and sister-in-law). Mr Murray Walker (brother), Mrs Barbara Good (mother-in-law), Mr John Good (brother-in-law). Mr Vyvyan Harmsworth (representing the chairman, Daily Mail and General Trust) and Mrs Harmsworth, with Sir David Eng-lish (chairman, Associated News-

director): Mr Bill Pressey (manag-ing director, Daily Mail) with Mr Guy Ziner (director) and Mr Brian Vine (managing editor). Vine (managing editor)

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inor, Daily Mirror); Mr Nigel Nelson (political editor, The People also representing the editor). Mr Colin Henderson (Press Golfing Society), Mr Don Short (Solo), Mr M D Hobbs and Mr A papers). Mr Russell Forgham (managing editor. The Mail on Sunday, also representing the editor). Mr Rod Gilchrist (deputy Granger (Epsom College), Mr Roderick Dadak and Mr Patrick Stewart (Swepstone Walsh), Ms editor) and Mr Ian Pay (managing Chrissie Murray, Mrs Stewart Steven, Mrs Jon Ryan, Mr John Jones, Mr David Thompson, Mr and Mrs. Graeme Gourlay, Mr

and fellow of The Queen's College, with a succession of visiting professorships in the USA between 1956 and 1970. St Paul remained observant Jew, study says

ST PAUL did not think of himself as a Christian and continued to be an observant Jew, according to a report published today.

The study, from the Council of Christians and Jews, says that it is unclear whether Jesus claimed to be the Messiah and that the gospels have "grossly distorted" the teaching of the pharisees, the forerunners of today's rabbis. The polemic in the gospels dates from the political problems of the first century, it claims, and is not based on theological disagreements between Jews and

Christians. The Rev Marcus Braybrooke, an ordained Anglican minister who wrote the report, says St Paul was writing at a time when gentiles might have believed they could only become acceptable to God by

becoming Jews. St Paul believed a new covenant had been made by which gentiles were also justi-

BY RUTH GLEDHILL. RELIGION CORRESPONDENT fied through faith in Christ. His "conversion" on the road to Damascus was more a "commission" to turn the genyears ago. The pharisees, contrary to tiles from darkness to light,

Mr Braybrooke argues. He says that St Paul probably did not think of himself as a Christian. "Paul seems to have remained an observant Jew, although his mission to the gentiles may have entailed some compromises — for example, eating with gentiles."

Mr Braybrooke condemns the distortions of theology by which, for centuries, Jews were blamed for the death of Jesus the so-called charge of "deicide". The gospels seem to shift the blame from Pilate, although historically, Jesus was killed by crucifixion,

which was a Roman penalty. Mr Braybrooke says the prejudice that the Jews killed Jesus, one of the arguments which underpinned teachings that culminated in the Nazi holocaust, may be present still

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much Christian teaching. made a creative contribution towards understanding God. he says, adding that Jesus, portrayed in the gospels as hostile to the pharisees, was in fact close to them in his teaching.

The report is the latest in a series of publications to question aspects of Christianity and look behind the surface meaning of New Testament scripture. In Jesus, the novelist A.N. Wilson says Jesus was not born of a virgin and not raised from the dead. In Jesus The Man, the Australian theologian Barbara Thiering argues that Jesus was a divorced father of three. Live from Golgotha, a novel by Gore Vidal, portrays St Paul as a

homosexual Mr Braybrooke's study

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Rate change is too late to stop new cuts at Ford

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD yesterday extended continue for another month short-time working for nearly duction in interest rates came too late to prevent it making huge production cuts.

The company will lose output of 12,000 cars worth about £108 million at showroom prices as a result of slowing down assembly lines for eight weeks at its two biggest British plants.

Dagenham, Essex, and Halewood, Merseyside, have been on short-time working for a month. This will now

Mortgage cut boosts Major

Continued from page (left by last week's abandonment of fixed exchange rates, the document blames the government for the failure of the

The interest-rate cut came too late to stop Ford extending into October short-time working at its biggest British plants at Dagenham, Essex, and Halewood, Merseyside Ian McAllister, the chairman, said the cut would stabilise consumer confidence.

The pound was almost unchanged on the day at DM2.5449 at the official Bank of England close although it had fluctuated between DM2.52 and DM2.57. In New York it continued to trade at DM2.5480. Sterling had fluctuated sharply after the Germans revealed a 9 per cent money supply figure for August, which suggested to markets that German interest rates would stay high for some time, sucking money out of poundsinto marks.

On the stock market, dealers looked forward to the recovery heralded by the interest-rate cuts and the FT-SE 100 share index rose 25.9 points to

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because, instead of the upturn manufacturers had hoped for. September sales have fallen by Il per cent.

Although car makers welcomed the cut in interest rates, they fear that the past week's financial market chaos may have made potential buyers even more uncertain.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, said the cut should help to stabilise consumer confidence but asked for further reductions as soon as possible. However, Vauxhall said: The whole problem of the past few months has been the lack of consumer confidence. We are hoping that everything that has happened recently will not make them even more fearful."

Unions increasingly fear that the big car manufacturers will have to go ahead with redundancies and production cuts unless the new car market

picks up quickly.

Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford
negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electri-cal Union, said unions have called a meeting with company executives tomorrow to discuss the future of Ford in Britain. He said: "Anyone with the brains of a rocking horse would know that further interest rate cuts are essential if the industry is not to be damaged beyond repair."

Ford has been calling for cuts in interest rates for several months as well as special help for the motor industry and

Just how hard the company has been hit is shown by the production cuts at the plants which make two of Britain's

best-selling cars.

At Halewood, which makes the Escort, Britain's most popular car, 5,000 production workers were told of the fourday week only two days after returning from being laid off. The site will close for another week from October 26. At Dagenham, where the Fiesta is built, the plant will continue to work a three-day week in October.

Ford says that exports are falling as the recession moves into its major markets on the continent. Dagenham exports 60 per cent of its output.

Auction houses get Impressionist sales off to fine art





In the frame: Cézanne's "L'homme à la pipe", and the spectacular "Cinq baigneurs" which is expected to make between £2.5 million and £3.5 million at auction

By JOHN SHAW

THE new fine art season moved into top gear yesterday with Chris-tie's and Sotheby's announcing big collections for the autumn sales in London and New York.

Christie's were first off the mark with a collection of seven paintings by Paul Cézanne (1839-1906) belonging to an anonymous European foundation and which is expected to make £12 million on November 30. Hard on their heels, five hours later.

Sotheby's in New York announced two collections of modern art for sale there on November 10. The overall total is at present unknown but the most spectacular example promises to be "L'Asie," a major late Matisse from 1946 expected to make more than £4 million.

The Cézannes cover his entire career from a striking self portrait once owned by his writer friend Emile Zola to a finished oil study for a pipe-smoking figure in "The Card Players" from 1890, now in the Metropolitan Museum, New

The most expensive and spectacular is likely to be "Cinq Baigneurs" from 1880-2, part of a celebrated series, one of which is in the National Gallery in London. The painting was a highlight of the Cézanne exhibition in Basle in 1989 and is expected to make between

£2.5 million and £3.5 million. The collection will go on an international tour stopping off in Zurich, New York and Tokyo before returning to London. They originally belonged to Auguste Pellerin (1852-1929), a French industrialist who built up in just over 25 years

James Roundell, head of the Impressionist department at Christle's, said the firm was extremely proud to be handling the sale. He said the pictures had left France with full legal permission.

The Sotheby's sale is of pictures belonging to Mollie Parals Living-

ston, a dress designer who died two months ago. She worked for the wives of three US presidents. The Matisse is from Mrs Livingston's collection with one of Picasso's Marie-Térèse studies "Femme Marie-Térèse studies Dans Un Fauteuil" from 1932 now expected to make between \$3.5 million (£2.05 million) and \$4.5 million. Paintings by Matisse, Vulllard and Bonnard are among a group from the collection of Wright Ludington, a philanthropist who died earlier this year aged 91.

Papal ban hits hellish horoscopes

Continued from page 1 life, as he is of that of our neighbour". Suicide was also considered a sin of despair, which deprived people of the chance of repenting and being saved. The old, turn-of-the century, catechism indicated that depriving suicides of an ecclesiastical burial could be

The new catechism restates that suicide is an offence to selves are no longer automatically barred from heaven. Extenuating circumstances are recognised for those "with serious psychological problems, who are anguished or pained by great trials, who are suffering [from pain] or tor-ture". It adds: "One must not despair of eternal salvation for those who take their own lives. "God can indicate to them, by means of ways that are known only to him, the chance of a saving remission." The church, it notes, prays for people who have made attempts on their lives."

The church manual repeats disapproval of mercy killing. But it adds that cuthanasia "can be tolerable if dangerous or extraordinary medical procedures are disproportionate to the results obtained".

The death penalty may be justified, it says. "Preserving the common wellbeing of soci-

ety can require preventing the aggressor from doing harm. In this context, the right and obligation of public authorities to punish with proportionate sentences, including the death sentence, is recognized."

"War can be a 'just war' in case of legitimate defence," the catechism says, and armed revolt against a state may also rights are violated gravely and repeatedly, all other methods have failed, worse disorder is not provoked, there is a hope of success and so long as it is impossible to foresee better

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Danes put case for amended treaty

tricht, German officials said. Mr Schluter said he hoped the EC would choose "more openness and democracy and less centralism". Such ideas are in vogue in Europe's capitals because of popular objections to the treaty, but practical measures to implement them remain ill-defined and po-

Mr Schluter demed that he was asking for a full renegotiation of the treaty; his government merely wanted to "rediscuss it". But he hinted that he was avoiding the word "renegotiation" for tactical reasons: "The term renegotiation awakens passionate feel-

ings in certain areas. Let us try to be more careful so as not to provoke an immediate rejection," he said.

Flathy contradicting the hope expressed on Monday in New York by the EC foreign ministers that ratification of the treaty would be finished by the end of the year, he said that he could not imagine the treaty coming into force before all 12 states had ratified. He said a new Danish referendum would not be held until

next spring or early autumn. British officials have been working on ways of meeting the Danish list of objections without triggering a full-scale renegotiation of a treaty which took 12 months of bargaining to hammer out in the first place. One possibility canvassed is to ratify the treaty as it stands and then discuss amendments in a later and separate legal act.

Mr Schluter next week be gins a round of talks with Danish parties, whose leaders have been encouraged by the narrowness of Sunday night's French result. He will arrive at the special ECommit in raid-October with the text of a white paper on his government's legal and political choices over Maastricht.

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- I Graves may be found under-ground here (4-6).
- 6 For example, the House of Com-9 Remove power of patient goddess 10 Article on island state (4).
- 13 Rebuke and criticism for stage comedy (9).
- 15 Like tides or waves on a lake (8). 16 Something to eat without which Frenchman's not full? (6).
- 18 Embrace sweetheart an indelinite number of times (6). 20 One trying to help animal round
- 23 Manager of local eleven finally invested in popular defender (9).



- 24 Forcibly remove from famous
- (4). 27 It's OK to walk fast with one
- 28 Take one boy round to see artist
- 12 Very rich, having stripped last 29 Flame could make hot bar hotter
 - DOWN Humorist said as little as possible
 - Tale from unfamiliar American city is abridged (7).
 - Cut yesterday's joint? (4-8). 4 A success with females many lads
 - fancy (5,3).
 - Following stars, yachtsman's beginning to get off course (6).
 - Like pride shown by one numbered among the Popes (7).
 - 8 Jet escort provided for scoundrel
 - A horse possessing a chance is given star treatment (10). Messenger bearing the earliest of
 - tidings for royal attendant (8). 19 Pigeon followers (7). 21 State of the heartless giant (7). 22 Each expert cages a bird like a crow — or a rook, possibly (6).

25 What's put up without a break, by the way? (4).

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

A Cambridge punt-propeller b. A rake c. A climbing geraub WAMBLE a. Nansta b. A stroll on Wimb

c. To vacillate

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- CATERAN A. A small native cance
- b. A distant cousin c. A Highland reiver

By Philip Howard

RANTIPOLE

- SEEL
- a. To sew up eyes of a hawk b. Good fortune c. The sudden heeling of a ship Answers on page 14

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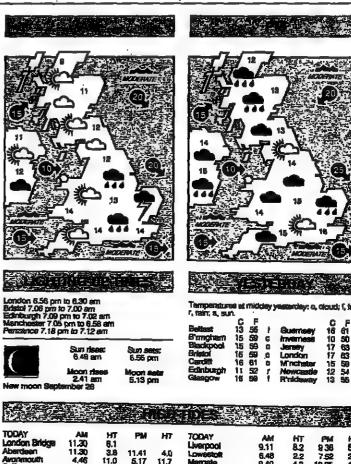
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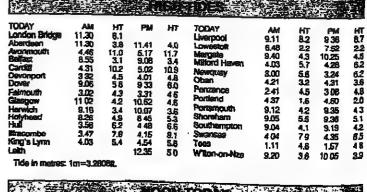
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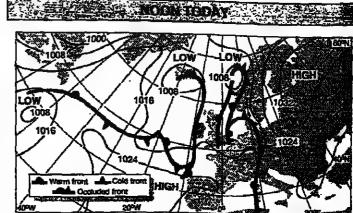


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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



● BUSINESS 17-23

The housing market should start turning following the latest interest rate cut, but any recovery will be slow Page 21

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Depositors in the collapsed Savings and Investment Bank may receive payments from the Manx government

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Tarmac is cutting the number of new houses it builds as Britain's biggest housebuilder loses £15.1 million Page 19, Tempus 20

PAY SQUEEZE

British managers' pay increased by 6 per cent over the past six months, the lowest annualised rise

EURO GROWTH



Hays unveiled a small rise in first-half profits and is looking to future expansion

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7080 (-0.0045) German mark 2.5449 (-0.0007) Exchange index 83.3 (-0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

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inflation with a warning that interest rates would be raised. if government inflation objec-

tives were at risk. He said the slowdown in inflation conditions justified the rate cut. The Bank of England later announced a new index-linked bond issue to underline the authorities' confidence in its counter-inflation policy outside the ERM.

lowest for four years, and

Britain undercuts German interest levels

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Sterling holds its own after base rate cut

By Colin Narbrough and Lindsay Cook

THE pound tumbled ini-tially to a new low against the mark, then recovered most of its fall, after the Bank of England pared its base rate by a full percentage point to 9 per cent, taking short-term British rates below their German equivalents for the first time in 11

The government had sought to undershoot the Bundesbank's key lending rates since joining the exchange-rate mechanism in October 1990, but had not succeeded, despite this year pushing British inflation below that of Germany. Germany's lombard rate is currently

Although a base rate cut had been anticipated, the stock market was encouraged by the move. The FT-SE 100 index climbed 36.7 at its best, before easing back to close at 2,586.0, up 25.9 on the day. Sterling, comfortable until

the 10 am base rate announcement, fell to DM2.5160 by mid-afternoon but recovered sharply to DM2.5449 by the official 4pm close, only fractionally below Monday's finish.

Norman Lamont, the Chan-cellor, underlined his continued commitment to fighting

Despite a base rate at its

A SURGE in imports wid-

ened Britain's trade gap sharply in August, according to government figures, which

showed the foreign trade pic-

ture continuing to worsen despite the absence of an

The underlying deteriora-

tion was most marked. The

deficit on visible trade, excluding erratic items such as aircraft and gems as well as oil, expanded from £1.36 bil-

lion in July to £1.68 billion last

month, the biggest shortfall

The government had ex-

pected the prolonged and

severe recession to reduce the

current account deficit to £6.5

billion this year. But, after the first eight months, the deficit

has already climbed to £7.84

billion and looks set to rise in

ain's exit from the exchange-

rate mechanism last week has

delivered should slow imports.

but only after a considerable

lag, while exports should be-

come more competitive. How-

ever, in the short-term, sterling's devaluation is ex-

pected to cut the value of exports, while import prices will rise, thereby widening the

Lower interest are also ex-

pected to increase demand for

foreign goods as British indus-

try's capacity has been reduced

by the recession. The dimin-

ished pound is not expected to

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY

AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

THE Banque de France intervened

heavily in foreign exchange markets yesterday to defend the franc amid

constant talk of a pending exchange-

rate mechanism realignment. Denials

by Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, and the Bundesbank had

Fresh strains within Europe's ex-change-rate mechanism after Britain's withdrawal intensified when the franc

replaced sterling as the markets' deval-

uation target. The franc fell almost one

The lower pound that Brit-

economic recovery.

for two years.

coming months.

trade deficit.

linle effect.

data for August, City analysts said the pressure on sterling was not strong. David Simmonds, currency economist at Midland Montagu, said there was a reasonable amount of two-way buying. "It appears some people think that sterling may be worth holding." Many forecasters expect a further rate cut ahead

of the Conservative party conference next month. Against the dollar, the pound showed some gains during the day, but closed about half a cent lower in London at \$1.7080, after the American currency rallied against the mark. Sterling's trade-weighted index moved down 0.3 to 83.3.

The commercial banks reacted quickly to the rate cut. Citibank lowered its base rate to 9 per cent, while the Abbey National bank said it intended to lower its mortgage rates by about 0.75 per cent.

Building societies also re-sponded by reducing mort-gage rates by 0.75 per cent. The smaller reduction for smaller reduction for homebuyers is intended to restore lender's margins and to allow their savings rates to remain competitive. The Leeds Permanent, the fifth-largest society led the way and all other major lenders are expected to fall into line. The Leeds needed to set a new rate quickly as its year end is next week and it will then have to set the payments for the 450,000 borrowers on its annual review system. National Savings withdrew

all its guaranteed products paying a tax-free rate of 7.5 per cent last night. It also announced reductions for its variable rate accounts of 1 per cent. The fifth issue indexvorse-than-expected trade linked certificates remain on

Trade gap widens sharply

after jump in imports

By Our Economics Correspondent

contribute much towards im-

proving the trade balance for some time, given the sluggish-ness in its chief export

The current account, which

covers visible trade and "invisibles", such as financial

services, shipping and travel, showed a deficit of £1.08

billion in August, up from £1.02 billion. This reflected a

pick up in visible exports from

£9.92 billion in July to £10.02

billion in August, while ex ports rose only slightly to £8.84

Invisibles, which have traditionally yielded a hand-

some surplus, are now project-

ed to be showing a monthly

surplus of just £100 million.

down from the £200 million

In volume terms, imports, excluding oil and erratic items, climbed to an all-time

high in August. In the latest

three months, this measure

showed a rise of 1 per cent to

stand 7.5 per cent higher than a year ago. The three-month measure indicated export vol-

umes falling 1.5 per cent in

the latest three months for a

year-on-year drop of 0.5 per

cent. The Central Statistical

Office, whose data have point-

ed to rising exports in previous months, now believes the im-

City economists, surprised

of their ERM ranges.

centime to Fr3.4220, just above its ERM floor. The Danish crown and the

lrish punt also traded near the bottom

A sharp rise in French overnight

interest rates to deter currency specula-

tors looks likely after a tense meeting in

Washington between the French Trea-

sury and the Bundesbank broke up

with no apparent result. The meeting was called hastily as speculation against the franc and in favour of the

mark intensified after the release of

German money supply figures show-ing a sharp rise in bank lending, apparently dashing hopes of an early

by the size of the August trade

gap, expect the current ac-count deficit to continue to

provement has petered out.

expected earlier.

sale paying a guaranteed 4.5 per cent on top of index-linking. The move by National Savings made it easier for building societies to cut mortgage rates. Last month, following two

consecutive months of investment outflow, building societies attracted net receipts of £327 million. This was largely due to National Savings cutting its savings rates and not having a large section of its product range available for half of the month.

The £327 million inflow was the highest monthly figure since October last year. Gross mortgage lending increased to \$4.3 billion last month, from £3.7 billion in July, as some buyers rushed to beat the August 19 end of the stamp duty moratorium. New com-mitments at £2.4 billion in August were 30 per cent lower than in July.

Mark Boléat, director gen-eral of the Building Societies

Association, said special fac-tors were largely responsible for the savings turnaround. "Firstly, the reluctance to purchase new registration cars helped to limit the pace of withdrawals. In addition, proceeds from increased sales of inherited property prior to the end of the stamp duty holiday are likely to have found their way into building society ac-counts during August. The recent decline in returns of-fered on National Savings products is also likely to have had some influence.

Payments for the final instalment for regional electricity shares are likely to reduce the inflow for September.

widen. If the economy starts to

recover, the fear is that a

ballooning deficit will again

exert downward pressure on

Ian Harnett, the chief econ-

omist at Strauss Tumbull, said

that this once again highlight-

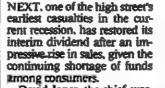
ed that the current-account

deficit poses a threat to the

pound, which the government has chosen to ignore.

the pound.

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David Jones, the chief executive, says the 310 Next shops took 13.6 per cent more in the six months to the end of July, with 4.1 per cent less selling space, which helped lift pre-tax profits from £200,000 a year ago to £8.3 million. The interim dividend, passed last year, returns at 0.5p a share.

Mr Jones, who has closed unprofitable shops, improved stock management and refocused product lines to restore the group's fortunes, says that sales of both the shops and the Next Directory mail order business accelerated further in August. The Directory, which Mr Jones says "spares us an advertising budget", almost doubled profits. Next shares, 10p at the

103p yesterday. Next's other activities, as profits at the UK and Maltese George Davies, ousted inventor of the Next concept, left manufacturing interests were "a good idea and a strong outweighed by a loss on brand," Lord Wolfson, the Callscan, its North American

group has consequently been able to recapture its customer base, simply by returning to the original formula of offering bright, co-ordinated designs to ABC customer who wants good, stylish clothes at affordable prices.

Next in line: David Jones yesterday, who reported a restoration of the group's fortunes

Next thrives on old formula

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

beginning of 1991, rose 4p to

The group's debt problems eased with the sale of Grattan the mail order house, to Otto Versand, the German group, for £165 million. Borrowings at Club 24, the finance subsidiary, fell sharply again, from £124 million to £78 million, reflecting the transformation into a commission-based debt service business. "We no longer have to worry about banks and firefighting." Lord

Wolfson said. The figures include a

Price stability is still priority

From Anatole Kaletsky in Washington

THE government said that it would remain absolutely committed to the "progressive achievement of price stability", but recognised that exchange-rate mechanism membership had kept interest rates in Britain "above the levels that would have been appropriate

on domestic grounds". Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, said in Washington that the decision to float sterling, "emphatically did not represent a shift in the fundamental orientation of British policies". The government would now try to strengthen co-operation with other European countries to "create a conducive environment for growth with stability". Mr Leigh-Pemberton,

speaking in place of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, who returned early to the UK, said that government policy would be based on five principles: price stability, fiscal responsi-bility, "sustainable" exchange rates: strengthening market forces: and working to liberalise world trade.

He said that fiscal responsibility would mean confirming the objective of balancing the government's budget over the course of an economic cycle. This formulation hinted at a substantial tightening of fiscal policy, compared with pre-devaluation Treasury statements, which had frequently referred to the objective of abiding by the fiscal targets agreed at Maastricht. The treaty recommended

budget deficits no greater than 3 per cent of gross domestic product. The difference between this goal and a zero deficit over the cycle would be equivalent to cuts of about £18 billion annually in the public sector borrowing requirement over the long term.

The Governor's comments on exchange rates confirmed the see-change that had occ-urred in official thinking as a result of last week's events. "If excessive currency fluctuations have disadvantages, so too do fixed exchange rates." He added that exchange rates could not be ignored and policies aimed simply at domestic objectives. The exchange rate will always be a discipline on policymakers, and it is a discipline we must respect."

Now the French seeks favours from Frankfurt But the German side seemed to give no indication of an early cut in interest

rates, confining themselves to verbal expressions of support. Herr Tietmeyer said he did not see the need for any further ERM realignment, adding that "we have already done what we should".

Later in the day, heavy selling pressure against the franc, peseta, punt and escudo again built up. By the time official trading ended in Paris, the franc was back on its floor.

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Tesco joy knows bounds

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SIR Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, the food retailer, has accompanied a healthy rise in interim profits with a warning that trading conditions remain weak in the high street.

Tesco pushed pre-tax profits ahead by 10.1 per cent to £25.8 million, including £1 million made on property sales, in the 24 weeks to August 15. The interim dividend is raised from 2p to 2.25p. Tesco's market share. according to independent figures, rose from 9.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent.

But the group has been hurt by the need for aggressive discounting to attract customers forced to trade down by spending less on food because of the recession.

Sales growth on a like-forlike basis, although up 2 per cent, failed to keep pace with inflation, and the average amount spent on each visit fell by 3 per cent to about £30. while total sales, including

ahead to £3.65 billion. Sir Ian said: "Following a brief upturn at the time of the election, industry food sales have continued to be affected by the recession and lower food inflation. "The United Kingdom food

sales background remains weak and, therefore, we continue to be cautious on the levels of increase of our sales." Some City observers have suggested that Tesco may be

in danger of losing business to some of its rivals, in particular to J Sainsbury and Argyll, after years of explosive growth. Sir Ian admitted: "I think JS is trading better than us at the moment - I don't know about Argyll."
But David Maipas, the

managing director, added: "If it's the case that our customers are trading down a bit, where-as some others may not be, we should feel pretty content that we've been giving an amazing deal this year.

"We don't feel at all down about not having a doubledigit sales increases to report

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BASE RATE CHANGE

£500,000million loss on

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cut in German rates. Expectations

have been growing of an imminent rise in French short-term interest rates

to avoid a realignment. Economists in

London have expressed the fear that a

rise in French interest rates would

increase pressure on sterling and

reduce the scope for further rate cuts.

At the meeting in Washington,

Michel Sapin and Jacques de

Larosiere, the French finance minister

and central bank governor, were said to have appealed for support for the

beleaguered franc from Helmut Schle-

singer and Hans Tietmeyer, the

Bundesbank president and his deputy.

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Hays looks for lift from Continent

HAYS, the business services group, which in June made its first significant acquisition in Europe when it bought a French chilled foods and dry goods distributor, expects at least 10 per cent of this year's profits will be generated from the Continent.

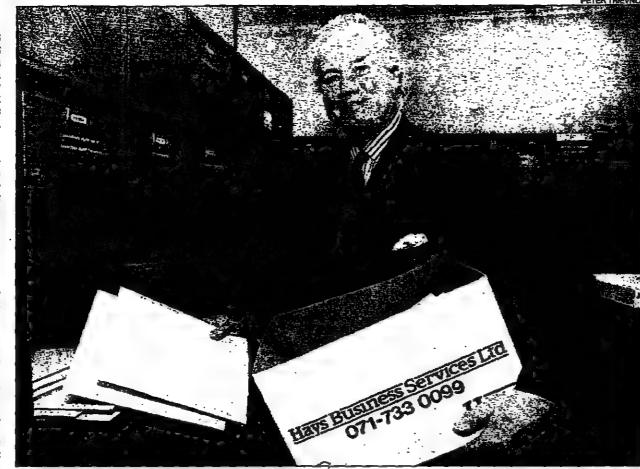
Ronnie Frost, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday he has ambitions to expand Hays' operations further into Europe, especially as he thinks that the British economy will be "tough going" for some while yet.

In the year ended June 30. Hays spent £52.3 million on acquisitions — of which the purchase of Group FRIL, in France, cost £37.5 million and recorded a pre-tax profit of £57.4 million (£56.8

The final dividend rises from 2.7p to 3.1p a share, making a total 4.6p a share (4p) for the year.

Hays distribution activities, which include a long-term contract relationship with Waitrose, among others, posted a 15.8 per cent increase in operating profits. Commercial operations, including Britdoc - the overnight mail service and Data Express, turned in operating profits of £20.8 million (£16.6 million).

Hays was recently awarded a six months trial contract from Barclays Bank for the handling of document ex-change, a contract which Mr



Delivering the goods: Ronnie Frost, the chairman, reported increased profits at Hays of £57.4 million

Frost hopes will lead to further business with other banks. Hays' personnel interests. essentially concerned with the recruitment of accountants and other professionals, suf-

The company continues to invest heavily in the business — partly with borrowed money, which led to an in-

crease in the interim charge. Apart from spending £2.8

million on acquisitions, the

group ran up a £9.1 million

capital expenditure bill, as it

sought to increase capacity

and improve the geographical

coverage. It is also expanding into chilled food, regarded as a

"major area of opportunity" in

fered from the recession, however, and saw operating profits fall from £11.6 million to £4.8 million. The division accounts for only 8 per cent of group operating profits. The nation-

wide network was trimmed from 143 to 120 outlets.

while, the group is actively looking for further acquisi-tions in continental Europe Mr Frost says Hays remains in a strong financial position. and in Britain. and can weather the remainder of the recession. Mean-

The shares were virtually unchanged, closing at 184p.

Brake drives ahead in the first half

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

BRAKE Bros, Britain's big-gest supplier of frozen foods to the catering industry, nudged pre-tax profits ahead 2.5 per cent in the first half of 1992. from £6.95 million to £7.12 million. Turnover surged more than 22 per cent to £126.4 million, but much of the rise could be attributed to

The interim dividend rises from 1.65p to 1.85p, but the board warns shareholders not to expect a similar rate of increase in the final, which last year was 4.1p. Interim earn-

Cantors to enfranchise non-voters By MARTIN WALLER ings per share rose from 10.1p to 10.3p.

HOLDERS of the non-voting A shares in Cantors, the furniture retailer, are to be enfranchised as part of a tidying-up of the share capital. Voting shareholders will be offered a compensatory scrip issue on the basis of three new shares for every two held and will end up with 16.5 per cent of the enlarged capital. Pre-tax profits for the year to April 25 slipped from £2.5 million to £2.1 million. The final dividend is held at 3p, making 4p (same).

Acquisitive TT Group increases payout

BY OUR CITY STAFF

TT GROUP, the acquisitive industrial holding company, lifted pre-tax profits 10 per cent to £7.5 million £6.8 million) in the six months to June 27, despite a slump in demand for building services.

Higher operating profits and lower interest charges made up for static turnover of £78.6 million (£78.3 million). Earnings per share were 6.9p (6.5p) and there is an interim dividend of 2.4p (2.2p).

The only division to report a

decline in profits was building services. Profitability im-

proved at the packaging and industrial divisions. Shares in the company slipped 7p to 215p in July on news of a proposed merger with AB Electronic Products, an electronic components manufacturer. Talks are continuing. The shares ended at

198p, up 1p. yesterday. The company raised £6.9 million through a placing in June to fund further acquisitions. In July, TT took over Magnetic Materials, at the agreed £11.8 million offer.

British **Fittings** slumps to £1m loss

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH Fittings, the Birmingham-based pipelines to-water-pumps company, crash-ed £1 million into the red in the first half on the back of a sweeping shake-up in man-

The company swung from a profit of £1.7 million to a pretax loss of £1.02 million in the six months to end-June on turnover of £40.4 million (£42 million). There was a loss per share of 5.11p compared with earnings of 5.07p. The inter-im dividend has been cut to 0.5p (1.375p).

A golden handshake for Brian Smith, who resigned as

finance director in May, is included in exceptional costs of £622,000. Several senior managers have been removed and the workforce has been cut by 10 per cent. About 100 people have lost their jobs. Michael Borlenghi was ap-

pointed non-executive chairman in May, splitting the role of Brian Stanton, former chairman and chief executive, who retains the latter role. Cecil Buckett is the new finance director.

Shares in British Fittings crashed from 153p to 105p in May on word of an unexpected pre-tax loss of £3 million last year. The shares fell 15p to 60p yesterday.

Operating profits at the core stockholding and distribution division halved to £1.5 million due to exposure to the construction industry. Margins have been under severe pressure in East Anglia and the West Midlands. West Midlands.

Police investigations are continuing into instances of theft at the non-ferrous metal distribution division in 1990 which resulted in an extraordinary charge of £1.18 million last year. The division made a loss of £348,000 in the first half compared with a profit of £150,000 last time.

Mr Buckett said the case for a restructuring had been over-whelming. "The results and financial controls were not adequate. We believe we've now got a good team together and our core business

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Wolstenholme rises despite turnover drop

WOLSTENHOLME Rink the printing materials and powdered metals group, has reported pre-tax profits of £1.7 million for the six months to end-June, some 35 per cent up on the first half of 1991. The higher profit came despite a fall in turnover from £27.5 million to £24.7 million and was helped by a first time contribution from PCO, a Dutch

printing chemicals company acquired at the end of 1991.

Overseas demand for bronze powder and metallic ink remains encouraging, despite no signs of improvement in UK trading conditions. Tony Rink, chairman, said sales of printing measurals used down on last year. printing materials were down on last year — offsetting the benefits of a cost savings programme — and that bad debts remained a problem. But full-year profits should show good progress over 1991. A 6.5p interim is being paid, 3 per cent up on last year's 6.3p.

Mucklow steady

A&J MUCKLOW, the property group, held pre-tax profits at £10.85 million (£10.77 million) in the year to end-June despite rising tenant failures and non-renewal of leases. Vacancies at the Salitey Trading Estate, Birmingham, doubled the vacancy level during the year to 1.15 million sq ft. Benefits gained from rent reviews and new lettings failed to compensate for lower occupancies. Net asset value fell from 158p to 155p a share. A final dividend of 3.103p (3.078p) a share makes a total of 5.925p (5.643p) for the year. share makes a total of 5.925p (5.643p) for the year.

Seafield in the black

SEAFIELD Resources, the British independent oil and gas production and exploration company, in which National Power has a 29.85 per cent stake, has benefited from accelerated production in the Victor gas field and reports pre-tax profits of £838,000 for the six months to the end of June. The pre-tax loss in the six months to March 31, 1991, a period which preceded the purchase of a 5 per cent stake in Victor, was £9,000. In line with the company's policy, no dividend is recommended for the interim period.

Lone charge hits Comac

A ONE-OFF charge of £50.000, largely relating to a failed acquisition, has hammered profits at Comac Group, the USM-quoted computer recruitment specialist. Pre-tax profits fell to £43,727 (£186,511) in the six months to end-June on turnover of £4.91 million (£5.27 million). Earnings per share were 0.44p (2.01p). There is no dividend. The acquisition failed to materialise immediately before exchange of contracts and after a great deal of investigative work, the group said. It hopes to pay a dividend at the end of the year.

Norish advances

NORISH, the Irish food services and cold storage group, reports pre-tax profits of Ir£1 million (£1.2 million) for the first half of this year, against Ir£903,000 last time. There is an unchanged interim dividend of Ir£4.7p on earnings per share of Ir7.95p (Ir7p). Trading profit was steady at Ir£1.25 million (Ir£1.24 million), but a decline in interest payable, to Ir£245,000 (Ir£337,000), lifted pre-tax profits. The company's British stores, now almost entirely based on consumer ny's British stores, now almost entirely based on consumer goods, achieved good returns despite the recession.

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Tarmac cuts houses to counter loss

By MATTHEW BOND

Barratt, its nearest rivals.

man next year.

debt reduction.

loss of £2.7 million.

Less than a fortnight ago the

company announced plans to close eight brick and concrete block plants. Yesterday's fig-ures showed that building

materials made an operating

Despite the loss Tarmac is

paying an unchanged interim dividend of 3p and said that it

planned to pay a maintained final of 2.5p, unless there was a further deterioration in the

medium term outlook. In the

short term, analysts are fore-

casting losses of well over £100

million this year, caused large-

ly by restructuring.
Mr Simms said the changes

he was embarking on followed

a "pretty fundamental review"

of operations. Disposals worth

almost £100 million are al-

TARMAC, Britain's biggest housebuilder and one of the best known names in construction, is to reduce the number of houses it builds by up to 2,000 a year.

The move, which Tarmac hopes will release £100 million of working capital, accompanied news that Tarmac made a pre-tax loss of £15.1 million (£18.2 million profit) in the

first half of the year. The cutback, which will not be completed until the end of

CrestaCare resumes dividends

CRESTACARE, the mursing home company that lost £13 million last year and passed the final dividend, returned to profit in the six months to the end of June and is resuming dividends. Pre-tax profits were £312,000 (£970,000). The interim dividend is 0.1p (0.7p) on earnings per share of 0.3p

million to £17.8 million and operating profits from £1.07 million to £1.97 million. But finance costs rose sharply from £101,000 to £1.66 million.

Southern falls

Southern Newspapers, the regional newspaper publisher, spent £549,000 escaping the crutches of four potential hosready complete and a further £100 million of sales are tile bidders last year. Southern expected to be agreed by the end of the year. A third £100 million will be raised through suffered a 20 per cent fall in taxable profits to E7 million during the year. A final divi-dend of 8.25p makes 11.25p disposals. The proceeds of all disposals will be used to re-(10.5p).

Harrington up

Harrington Kilbride, the magazine publisher that was one of last year's few new arrivals on the stock market, reports a 47 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £422,000. The debut interim dividend is 1.5p.

Elswick cuts

Elswick has reduced the interim dividend from 0.22p to 0.15p despite a rise in pre-tax profits from £1 million to £1.7

FEARS that the pound's devaluation and subsequent drop in interest rates will result in a rise in the level of inflation, focused attention on index-linked issues. Gains of up to £4 were recorded as investors continued switching out of the ultra-long end of the market. Dealers said the gains among

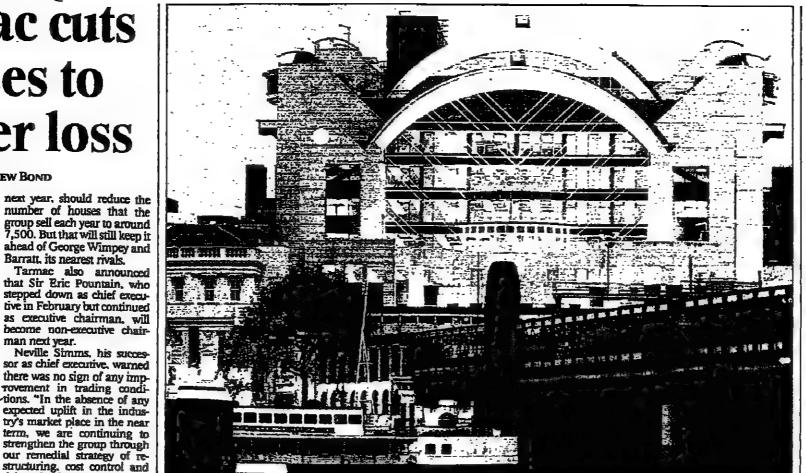
helped bring their yield curve into line with the rest of the

Index-linked issues are used by investors as a hedge against inflation. To satisfy the latest surge in demand the Bank of England has

issued a further £600 million of Index-Linked Treasury 43/s

per cent 2005 at par with a downpayment of £15. The softening of bank base rates to 9 per cent cheered the short end of the market among conventional issues with rises of about £1.

market.



Making tracks: Embankment Place, London, is going on the market to help Greycoat cut its debt mountain

Greycoat to sell landmark

BY MATTREW BOND

GREYCOAT, the property group, is to offer for sale Embankment Place, the Terry Farrell-designed, landmark office building that spans the railway tracks at London's Charing Cross station.

The sale comes as Greycoat struggles to reduce its £400 million debt mountain. As part of the same strategy, the company yesterday said that it would not be paying the previously announced final dividend of 2.9p or a dividend due on preference shares next month. Greycoat shares fell

from 20p to 13p.
Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, said that since the original duce group debt from its current level of £744 million. announcement in July, two Operating profits tumbled from £48.6 million to £16.8 separate property sales had fallen through. The subse-quent decision to offer Emmillion as margins and volumes came under pressure across the group. The interest bankment Place for sale, he charge rose from £30.4 milsaid, showed how serious the company was to cut borrow-ings. "Given the overriding requirement to reduce gear

lion to £31.9 million. During the half year the company sold 3,578 houses, ing, there can be no sacred cows." The building has a book value of £185 million. 14 per cent up on the first half of 1991, at a little changed average selling price of £78,630. But the division's Agents will be looking for buyers for either the whole building which is fully let, or a half share. operating profits fell from £9.9 million to £7 million.

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Salary increases for British managers fall to 25-year low

By PATRICIA TEHAN

BRITISH managers' pay rises fell to 5.5 per cent during the last six months, the lowest annualised rise for 25 years.

According to P-E Interna-tional's Annual Survey of UK Executive Salaries and Benefits for the year to July, 1992. median salary increases for executives was 6 per cent. down from 10 per cent for the same period to July 1991. By September, this figure had fallen to 5.5 per cent.

However, according to Michael Smith, head of salary and personnel research at P-E. while middle managers' salaries are still falling, managing directors' pay rises have held steady at 6 per cent during the past few months.

P-E found the rate of inflation was still the most important factor in determining awards. Mr Smith contradicted findings from the CBI last month that claimed the link between pay and inflation had

Mr Smith expects the downward trend in pay rises to continue until 1994 as inflation falls. P-E surveyed 508 companies and examined 6,073 individual remuneration packages across all execu-

tive grades in 18 different strial groups nationwide. It found base salary increases in the financial services and durable goods manufacturing sectors were below the

all-sector average. In those sectors, managing directors received 3.9 per cent and 5.3 per cent respectively. Managing directors in the wholesale and retail sector, non-durable goods manufacturing and public sectors re-ceived increases above the

Executives in financial services, who had an average 12 per cent pay rise in the year to July 1991, received 9 per cent ncreases on average.

More directors are not getting rises. The number rose from last year's 7 per cent to 11 per cent. P-E also found

that one in five chief executives earning more than £100,000 did not receive a rise.

The average basic salary for chief executives in companies with turnovers of £500 million a year was £160,000 while those in firms with £50 million turnover received £85,000. Senior managers in the same companies received £49,500 and £33,500 respectively.

Bonus schemes across all company sectors have been squeezed, P-E found. Mr Smith said that roughly a third of bonus schemes were not paying this year. P-E compared the link be-

tween the retail price index and executive pay increases. and found pay rises have remained no more than 2 points above inflation since the recession started in the

Manx government ready with cash for SIB depositors

By Jon Ashworth

THE Isle of Man government is prepared for the first time to make er e*ratia* payments 10 as many as 4,000 depositors in the Savings and Investment Bank (SIB), which collapsed ten years ago with losses of £42

Plans for a £4.45 million package of payments will be debated in parliament next month, following publication of the official report into the SIB debade. The Chadwick report, re-

yesterday, paints a damning picture of lax banking standards and unheeded warnings.
The 500-page report, which cost £1 million and took four

years to prepare, says the SIB was insolvent for at least 16 months before it was closed in

Manx treasury officials withheld information from investigators and failed to spot warning signs, it concludes, but the findings are unlikely to help those depositors who have fought a long campaign

for full compensation. The Manx government has never admitted liability for the SIB collapse. The local banking framework was over-hauled in the 1980s following an enquiry by two Bank of

England inspectors.
The trial of former SIB employees and agents was abandoned in April 1990 due to the delay in bringing the case to court Depositors who placed

E10.000 with the S1B will get 50 per cent of their money under the Manx scheme. SIB depositors have had a return of 272p in the pound from liquidators, and a further small payment is likely early The Chadwick report found

that warnings of insolvency in the bank went unheeded, returns were not analysed by the Treasury and the SIB was allowed to complete deals in contravention of rules.

It accepted that those at the bank believed they had Manx government support in resisting UK Inland Revenue attempts to gain access to accounts used for tax evasion.

The report said that even after new 1981 regulations, William Dawson, government treasurer, now retired, and Peter Duncan, his commercial relations director, failed to ask questions when rules were contravened.

Investigators said they could not understand how the govemment could stay satisfied with the bank's financial position in the light of returns made after early 1980.

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The report listed "funny money" deals, lack of proper accounting, illegitimate loans, accounts in false names and tax evasion.

MacGregor offers key to BA deal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, will today promise the Bush Administration a progressive relaxation of restrictions on American airlines operating in Britain if it approves British Airways' proposed alliance with USAir. But he will also give warning that there can be no liberalisation of the existing Anglo-American aviation agreement if the deal is blocked.

Mr MacGregor's meeting with Andrew Card, the American transportation secretary, is the first high-level attempt to resolve a fast developing impasse over the deal - and the stakes are very high. By investing \$750 million in the ailing American airline, BA hopes to create a worldwide network that would, for the first time, give it substantial access to the lucrative American market.

Initially Mr Card said he would seek no quid pro quo from the British government in return for approving the alliance. But the administration has been lobbied intensively by United, American

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Base rate cut gives shares fresh impetus

THE London stock market in sentiment during the past continued its advance towards the 2,600 level, helped by the confirmation of the cut in bank base rates by one percentage point to 9 per cent. The news gave a shot in the arm to share prices just when they began to show signs of running out of steam following a strong run in the wake of last week's devaluation of the

The FT-SE 100 index recovered from a hesitant start. clawing back a fall of almost 15 points. At one stage, it had extended its lead to almost 40 points, coming within a whis-ker of the 2.600 mark despite the gloomy news that Britain's trade gap had widened in August. The FT-SE eventually closed 25.9 points up at 2,586.0 after Wall Street showed a 31-point fall in early

Turnover was a healthy 987 million shares. But brokers gave a warning that the vola-tile conditions may persist for another few days. Marketmakers are still nursing short

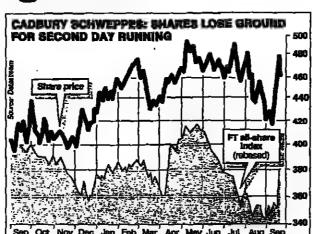
week. Fund managers are continuing to find it difficult to trade in any large size, even among the leading shares.

Smith Kline Beecham A fell 9p to 528p amid claims that Lehman Brothers, the broker, was urging its clients to switch into Wellcome, 24p dearer at

British Airways put in a late rise, climbing 10p to 302p, as dealers awaited the details of the proposed merger with USAir. There is also talk that BA has received an unofficial go-ahead to bid for Qantas, the Australian airline.

British Aerospace was a volatile market, finishing 1p firmer at 199p before its figures today. Brokers fear they may include substantial write-offs. Cadbury Schweppes, the

confectionery and soft drinks group, remained a dull market, moving against the general trend with a fall of 3p to 461p, making a two-day de-cline of 142p. The shares went ex-dividend on Monday, but dealers have been worried by suggestions that a line of



stock is overhanging the market.

The banks seemed pleased with the softening in interest rates. Analysts say that a revival in the economy is likely to lead to a big fall in bad debt provisions. Lloyds rose 15p to 450p, National Westminster 14p to 348p, HSBC 13p to 409p and Bardays Ip to

the supermarket chain, enjoyed an early markup, touching 233p, after re-

following better than expected half-year figures. Pre-tax profits leapt from £200,000 to £8 million with sales during the period improving by 10 per cent. The group says that a provision of £10 million may not now be required. Storehouse rallied after an

initial markdown to finish only 1p lighter at 146p as whispers circulated in the marketplace that it was about to sell part of Habitat, its lossmaking furniture business, to Ikea, the Swedish group. Brokers said such a sale would realise between £40 million and £50 million. The comparty refused to comment.

Tarmac rose 8p to 78p after

deciding to maintain the 3p interim dividend despite plunging into the red with pretax losses of £15.1 million, against a profit for the corresponding period of £18.2 million. The group has halted new property development. Neville Simms, the chief executive says there are signs of recovery in America and Europe, but gave warning that

the road to recovery with the the UK was still affected by price adding 3p to 102p recession. Whitbread A rose 12p to

436p and Whithread Investment (Whitbread's investment arm) gained 16p to 539p after reshuffling their portfolio of shares in various rival brewers to comply with the Supply of Beer Orders. Whitbread Investment has disposed of its holdings of 6.6 per cent of Boddington, unchanged at 174p, 18.9 per cent of Marston, Thompson & Evershed, down 3p at 210p, and 3.3 per cent of Devenish, Ip firmer at 240p. Whithread bought some of the shares from its investment arm. The remaininvestment arm. The remain-der were sold in the market. As a result, Whithread has increased its stake in Marston from 5.9 to 8.8 per cent, in Boddington from 5.1 to 8.8 per cent and has bought a 3.3 per cent stake in Devenish.

Queens Moat, the hotels group, fell 6p to 33p as a line of 9.3 million shares went through the market at 32p. By the close, a total of 25 million shares had changed hands.

MICHAEL CLARK

Counter attractions hold progress at Tesco



Food for thought: Sir Ian MacLaurin, of Tesco, which is feared to be slowing down

TESCO was not arguing too vociferously yesterday with the market's perception that it was being outperformed by at least one of the other big three grocers, J Sainsbury.

porting a 10 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits. But City analysis were less im-

pressed by the group's perfor-

mance at a meeting after the

figures. They claim that Tesco

is struggling to match the sales growth of up to 12 per cent being achieved by its two big rivals, J Sainsbury, up 19p at

456p, and Argyll, 9p better at

335p. Tesco finished lp cheaper at 224p.
Next, the fashion retailer,

appears to be firmly back on

The share prices tell the story. While Sainsbury celebrated the base rate fall with a 19p rise to 456p and Argyll Group, owner of Safeway, advanced 104p to 3364p. Tesco was little changed, 12p abead at 226 ap.

First half pre-tax profits, ahead of £1 million of property gains, came in 9.7 per cent higher at £251.8 million, while operating margins im-proved from 6.4 per cent to 6.9 per cent. But like-for-like volume growth was only 2 per cent, below the rate of inflation, and is running at ! per cent into the second half.

Closer comparison with Tesco's two big rivals, with

different financial year-ends, will have to await their interim results, still more than a month away. But yesterday's figures went some way to justify market fears of a slowdown in Tesco's extraordinary growth over the past five years that has sent the shares back from almost 13 earlier this year.

That success story was achieved by moving Tesco, whose chairman is Sir Ian MacLaurin, away from its earlier humble market niche and closer to the highermargin territory so effectively occupied by Sainsbury. But Tesco has not entirely shaken off its former customer profile and is still more reliant than its competitors on younger and less affluent consumers.

These consumers have been suffering disproportionately in the recession, while other earlier this year by Sainsbury to accept credit cards, will have flattered the performance of Tesco's rivals.

Paul Smiddy, of Kleinwort Benson, is looking for £587 million pre-tax from the com-pany this year. That puts the shares on a forward multiple of about 10.7, which looks good value in comparison with the rest of the sector given Tesco's proven management skills and strong market share. But a re-rating could be some time off.

Tarmac

Tarmac shareholders now know what Neville Simms, seven months into his role as chief executive, has in mind. What they do not yet know is how much his dramatic cor-

porate pruning will cost.
That will be disclosed with the full-year results, when the size of provisions required by such actions as closing eight brick and concrete block works, cutting house building activity, and retreating from property development will be-come clear.

Estimates range from huge to enormous. But the 8p share price rise that followed confirmation of pre-tax losses of £15.1 million in the first half suggests that some believe it is a price worth paying. Remember, this is a company that was making profits ap-proaching £400 million three years ago.

The strategy amounts to an attack on debts of £744 million using disposals, reduced working capital and tightly controlled capital expenditure. If it works, the result will be a refocused company with operating profits covering interest charges by over five times, a far remove from the current miserable failure to cover them even once.

A £300 million disposal pian should be two-thirds complete by the year-end, bringing gearing down from its current level of about 60 per cent to about 40 per cent, assuming the company meets

its secondary target of break-even on cash-flow. The sale of three businesses has raised £100 million, while the state of negotiations on a further ten, make the company confident of hitting its target.

The size of this year's loss depends on the size of the provisions. So at 78p, the hares are buoyed by the promise of an improbably maintained final dividend, giving a yield of over 9 per cent, and the prospect of better times some years ahead. Given the uncertainties, there is no rush.

The idea of George Davies is alive and kicking. Shareholders in Next owe at least one debt of gratitude to the founder bundled out after he peppered the air with too behind a brand name strong enough to reclaim customers once the shops remembered who they were.

The rest of the credit for this recovery story belongs to David Jones and his management, who had the wit to return to the original Next concept. They have been rewarded with pre-tax profits of £8.3 million in the six months ended last July, having barely broken even a year ago, and ample earnings at 2.01p a share to revive the interim dividend payment at 0.5p.

They took a knife to the retail chain early in the recession, and the 310 shops that remain from a peak of 450 bounced back into profit dur ing the period, making £4.1 million against a loss of £1.9 million. Sales 13.6 per cent higher from 4.1 per cent less space underline the return to

popularity.

Retail's success was arguably a key factor in Next
Directory's failure to meet best expectations, although the almost-doubled £2.7 million operating surplus from mail order was scarcely a disappointment.

The conversion of Club 24 from a money-lender into a fee-based credit service operation should be virtually com-plete by this time next year, efficiently enough to allow the write-back of the remaining £10 million provision in the annual results due next spring. Repayment of the remaining £71 million Eurobond issue, with £20 million supplemental interest, will be effected next mouth from

Foil-year profit forecasts were being adjusted upwards last night, with County NatWest's Kimlan Cook looking for £27 million (ignoring the £10 million released provision) to produce earnings of 6.6p given the 10 per cent tax charge, which is as much as the board expects to pay until at least 1995. The shares, on a 15.6 multiple at 103p, merit their new status as best recovery stock in the sector.

after some early weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.83 of a point to 3,320. Dealers said that investors were reluctant to take risks, given the persistent vola-tility in the currency markets. Chris Willox, a dealer at BT Brokerage, said: "Stocks are still uneasy over what is going on in Europe. Everybody is

New York — Prices were little

changed in morning trading

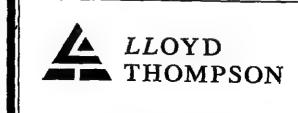
dle this global stuff." Strong August gave some support. ☐ Tokyo -- Shares ended firmer, although below their highs, amid hopes that the public funds expected to flow into the market will support prices. Firm futures also helped to lift prices. The Nikkei index rose 216.48 points to 18,282.72. (Reuter)



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Trade will curb pace of recovery

any economic statistics will be of strictly historic interest in the next few weeks. Not so yesterday's trade figures. The biggest underlying monthly deficit for two years makes the current account outflow £7.8 billion, about 1.8 per cent of output, in the first eight months of the worst year of recession since the Thirties. That shows that sterling needed devaluing. Unfortunately, it also carries a message for the future the Chancellor cannot afford to press too hard on the accelerator.

Just how sick Britain's trade has become can be gauged from the volume figures, which are most relevant after devaluation. In the latest three months, export volumes, excluding oil and erratic items, were 0.5 per cent up on a year earlier, while imports rose 7.5 per cent. Sterling's fall will immediately increase the balance of payments deficit because worse terms of trade raise the sterling cost of imports before competitive benefits work through. In the past, devaluation has been accompanied by domestic austerity, reducing the initial down-swing of this "Jcurve". This time, the economy is being given some sustenance. Nigel Pain, of the National Institute, suggests that, after allowing for an improved balance from interest and dividends, a 10 per cent devaluation would worsen the trade figures for about two years, adding at least £2 billion to the £13 billion deficit the institute forecast for 1993. Anecdotal evidence suggests imports have grown

because British suppliers have either gone out of business or had to cut production severely to stem losses. Imports already satisfy about 30 per cent of demand for manufactured goods, so a rapid rise in consumer demand, which might occur if interest rates were cut to 6 per cent by the year-end, would focus on imports. Unless the stimulus is gradual and initially modest, allowing British suppliers time to adjust to a recovery that had seemed only a distant prospect, the trade gap will run out of control and quickly become a constraint on policy. Recovery might have to be nipped in the bud by 1994, or sterling allowed to continue on a downward spiral that would raise genuine inflationary worries.

These effects will not be seen initially. Meaningful

trade figures will not be published for at least six months and probably nearer a year after the single European market comes into force, because the government did not bother to provide a link between old Customs-based figures and new VAT returns. This will provide a great temptation to Mr Lamont or his successor. If he falls for it, policy might have to endure another U-turn when the truth comes out.

House sense

or far too many months, the missing ingredi-ent in a demoralised housing market has been confidence. Yesterday's news of lower mortgage rates offers a significant prospects of a sea change. The government should capitalise on a rare opportunity both to ensure that confidence does return and to remove the pointless subsidy of mortgage interest payments. Provided base rates are cut only gradually, the government can now give a higher priority to developing a domestic monetary policy appropriate to the recession. Hopefully, a virtuous circle of events might now develop, where cheaper money sparks activity in the housing market. bringing purchases of associated items and growing confidence that the market will recover further.

A temporary raising of mortgage tax relief would ensure the beginning of this virtuous circle and enable relief to be progressively phased out over a number of years. The government will certainly be able to find better uses for £6 billion than in a subsidy which merely inflates house prices and is thus both wasteful and counterproductive in the long run.

Interest rates are only one factor in the real world of homebuying

Matthew Bond,

Lindsay Cook and George Sivell look at the prospects of a turnround in the

housing market

omewhere deep within the bowels of the Treasury lies a computer programme that shows what happens to house prices when base rates are cut. It has calculated in the past that I point off base rates results in a 3 per cent real increase in house prices if maintained for a year and a 6 per cent real increase in house prices after three years.

And in the basement of the Bank of England there lies yet another piece of software similar to the Treasury's. It tells you that a 1 point cut in base rates yields a real 6 per cent ase in the first year and an 11-12 per cent real increase after three years.
Unfortunately for victims of

the recession who find themselves living in the real world of what has been dubbed "nightmare on Acacia Avenue", neither the Bank's nor the Treasury's model works. The reason is that they do

not take into account real interest rates, the rate homeowners pay after deducting the rate of inflation. After yester-day's 1 point cut in base rates real interest rates will fall from around 6 per cent now to an expected 3 per cent at the end of next year, easing the pain

One point off mortgage rates is reckoned to knock 0.75 points off the retail prices index. While economists ex-pect underlying inflation to persist at 3.5 per cent next year they think the headline figure will hold at 4 per cent or so. What happens to base rates,

the other component of real interest rates, depends largely on what happens to the pound. It is felt in the markets that sterling has some way to fall yet. The extent of this fall dictates whether or not rates will be cut. The devaluation of the pound over the past few days, 10 per cent on its trade weighted index, has, in terms of monetary conditions, removed an equivalent of 2.5 percentage points from inter-

But if the pound can hold steady in the next few weeks no one would be surprised by a cut to 8 per cent at the end of October, to celebrate the conclusion of the government's spending round, although foreign exchange dealers would be keen to see the £244.5 billion spending total held. If interest rates of 7 or 7.5

to 3 per cent, half the level before last week's withdrawal from the ERM and a quarter of what they might have been if the emergency 15 per cent base rate had stuck. Standard mortgage rates are set to come down below 10

per cent for the first time since the summer of 1988 when the market was booming, even if homeowners cannot hope for a return of those heady days when property prices were rising by 30 per cent a year.

Some house price watchers saw yesterday's base rate cut and subsequent mortgage reduction as the turning point for the housing market. But they added that the turn would have a very wide angle. There are hundreds of thou-

sands of properties overhanging the market. These include about 70,000 houses repossessed by lenders. These are unoccupied and in poorcondition. About 40,000 new properties are unsold and there are thousands of empty inherited properties. In addition, many owners are being forced to sell because of other debts and up to 1.5 million people are trapped because their mortige is larger than the

the property.

Adrian Coles, chief economist at the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), said of yesterday's I per cent base rate cut: "This is not of itself



ditions back to the housing market. There have been eight then real interest rates will fall reductions in the mortgage cent in early 1990. They have been accompanied by a continuing slowing down in the housing market. This should slow down the rate by which house prices are falling. If you look at the Nationwide house

down all year."

he CML will continue to seek measures to help the housing market. "There is still a case for a mortgage benefit to help the low paid, something to stimulate the market for first time buyers and possibly money for housing associations," Mr Coles said. The latter would also take

price index it has been slowing

some properties out of the

gage tax relief could help fund such measures. Lenders still feel that the market could benefit with some tinkering doubling of the £30,000 limit for new buyers for a limited time could be coupled with a long term reduction in the benefit for existing borrowers. With falling rates, the benefit, which costs £6.1 billion a year, could go for good.

Gary Marsh, controller of group planning and research at the Halifax Building Soci-ety, said: "It could be the turning point. But it will not be a sharp one. It will depend on further cuts and the response to them." The largest mortgage lender is sticking by its prediction that house prices will fall 5 per cent over the year and will be stable next year.

Mr Marsh said: "We have een a fall from 15 per cent to revived the housing market. The spectre of unemploy-

ment was still holding buyers back as was the fear that stable. If base rates fell to 8 per cent by the end of the year, as the stockbroker is predicting. and mortgage rates came down to 9 per cent there would still be no upward move in house prices next year but there would be stability.

The housebuilding industry has yet to be convinced of recovery prospects. Neville Simms, chief executive of Tarmac, Britain's biggest house-builder, described the cut as a step in the right direction, but said much more action was required to revive construction and housebuilding, "It will take substantially more than this to get any significantly firm foundation established in the UK construction sector - and I don't mean just more

ike a number of prominent executives in the devestated construction sector. Mr specific action he would like government to take. "It's not my place to do their job. But there must be other confidence-stimulating steps. be taken or made." He added that he was delighted that the state of the British economy was now being given priority by the Treasury.

Many in the construction sector have given up hope of the government spending its way to recovery by commis-sioning the big infrastructure projects that are currently so conspicuous by their absence. Of more immediate concern now, he said, was the threat to existing programmes by the imminent round of public spending cuts. Mr Simms was particulalry concerned by the threat to the road building programme.
"Our infrastructure is in a

very poor state compared to our European partners. We are relying on the government to honour its promises and not give in to Treasury demands to

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Mr Maxwell

regrets...

ECENT ISSUES

SERIOUS though the task of acting as administrator to Maxwell Communication Corporation is, the ongoing and lengthy process has not, it seems, been entirely devoid of humour. While sifting through mountains of paper-work at MCC, David Lee, a Price Waterhouse partner, head of its special investigations unit, and, as such, the man in charge of MCC's administration, unearthed a copy of a letter sent to James Morgan, director of services to government at Arthur Young Management Consultants, from a Mike Tully, who styled himself "special assistant to the chairman." The letter which, according to col-leagues, caused Lee to howl with laughter in the midst of what has otherwise been a pretty grim task" had clearly been sent in response to an earlier letter from Arthur Young, requesting that MCC complete a questionnaire about "fraud in business." MCC's reply, dated August 23, 1985, read thus: "Robert Maxwell has asked me to thank you for your letter of 1 August, 1985, about the occurrence of fraud in business. but regrets that pressures of time prevent us from participating in your survey. As requested I return you ques-tionnaire. Yours sincerely . . ."

The green light

EVEN pest control has now gone green. The blue lights seen in butcher's shop windows and chilled food coun-

ters throughout Britain for the past 30 years are about to change. Insect-O-Cutor, a subsidiary of Peter Cox, which developed and supplies ultra violet light lures to attract flylight wavelength of 357 nanometres, which emits a soft green light instead. According to Insect-O-Cutor, the new green light - harmless to humans - is more effective and operates over a much larger area. Export sales for this new method of electronic pest control are already booming with grateful customers ranging from a chicken farm in Singapore, housing 8 mil-lion chicks, to a Coca-Cola bottling plant in Mauritius and a number of department store food halls in Spain.

Reading matter

SEEN in The Business Book Shop, just around the corner from London Business School, a hastily prepared sign dominating the window display of heavy economic and financial tomes. It reads: "All books reserved for Mr

Bite at recession

JUST opened in Islington, next to the Business Design Centre, is the Recession Cafe, part of the Garfunkels group. The walls of the brasserie are plastered with photographs of John Major, Norman Lamont, Nigel now Lord Lawson, et al, and the cocktails on the menu include the Maxwell House, a heady vodkabased mix, and the Polly Peck, made from apricot brandy and coconut cream. Phil Cro-

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zier, the manager, says they opened a month ago and reports that business is "growing week by week". If lower interest rates do succeed in kickstarting the economy, he optimistically predicts his business will still thrive. "People smile the minute they come in now, so we'll easily get customers during the recession." he says. And after that? "After, people will look back at it all and we'll have 'retro' appeal."

Hammered

ONE problem with being head of Christie's is not being able to bid at your own auctions. Sir Anthony Tennant. whiter-than-white Guinness chairman who takes over the reins from Lord Carrington as chairman of Christie's next May, says it is one of the few drawbacks of the job. "There's always the danger of a young auctioneer being accused of knocking down prices for the chairman," Tennant jokes. "There are, therefore, numerous rules

ers, but they tend to make it very difficult to buy anything." Spotted at both Christie's and rival Sotheby's in the past, Tennant is not prevented by house rules from using Sotheby's but the not always gentlemanly rivalry between the two houses may prohibit that also. "I haven't yet thought about whether I will use Sotheby's or not," Ten-nant confesses. "One thing I hope not to engage in, however, is any mud-slinging activity against our rivals. Sotheby's is an excellent house."

Do not pass go

THE arrival of a couple of po-liceman from Bishopsgate police station and a horde of press photographers at the Eastcheap offices of Lowndes Lambert, the insurance company, yesterday caused passers-by to stop and stare. Fears of a police swoop, however, were soon dispelled by the toy jail on the pavement and the presence a host of television sit-com celebrities who had gathered to launch the City Monopoly Challenge in aid of Children with Leukaemia. The competition will take place on November 19, at the Honourable Artillery Club, and the charity is hoping that up to 200 City firms will pay £500 to enter teams of two people. Schroders, Kleinwort Benson and National Westminster Bank have already committed teams and a target of £100,000 has been set to fund the tests necessary to match bone marrow donors with children waiting for

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National Westminster Bank announces the following interest rates, effective from 23 September 1992:

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7.125%	£100,000 - £249,999	7.32%
6.875%	£25,000 - £99,999	7.05%
6.250%	£2,000 - £24,999	6.40%
3.625%	£500 - £1,999	3.67%

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a great impact. Much will

depend on the extent of any

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Charles Toner, managing director, Abbey National,

which expects to cut its mort-

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This is really quite a strong

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There may be other stimuli that could be provided to help

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John Wriglesworth, build-

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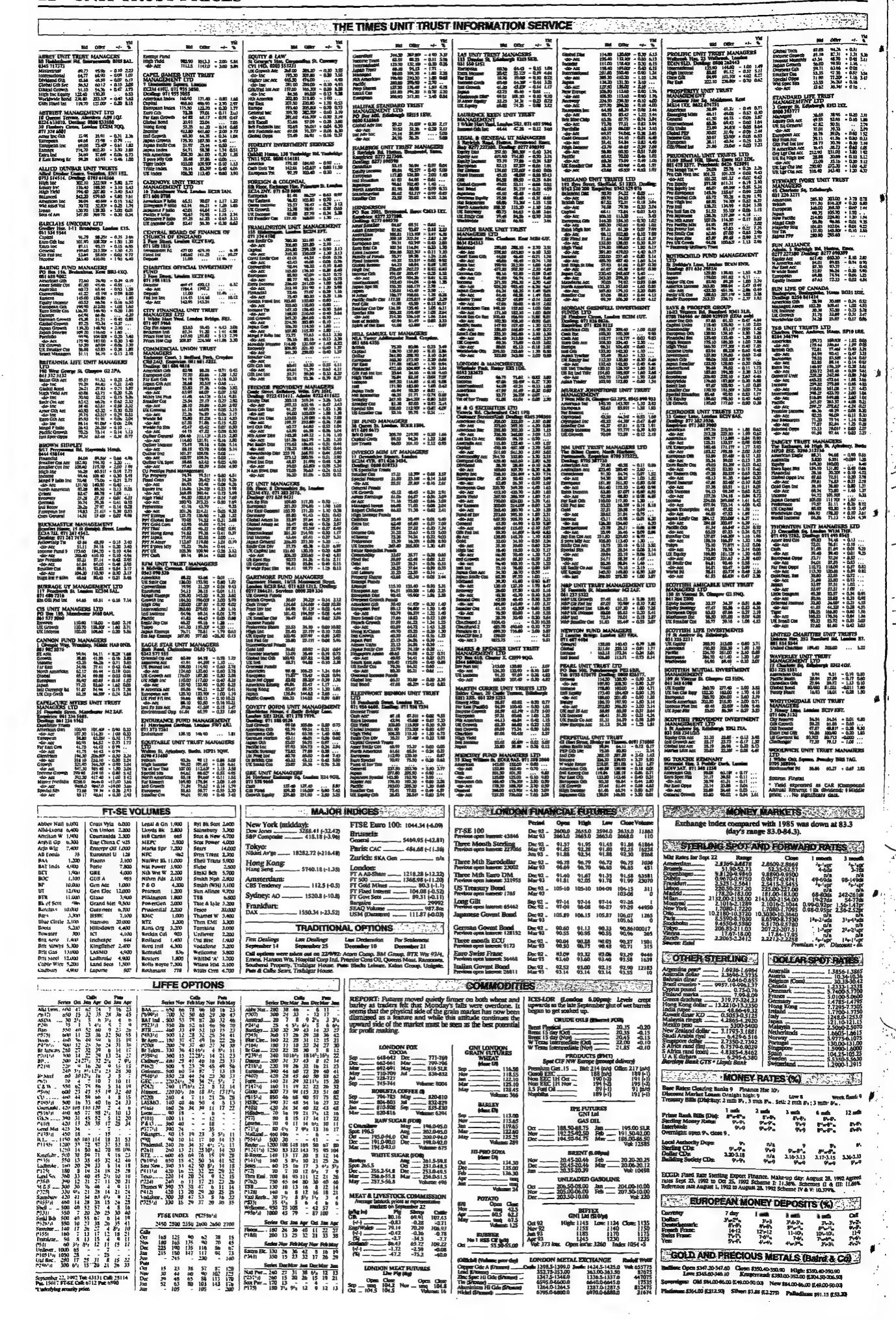
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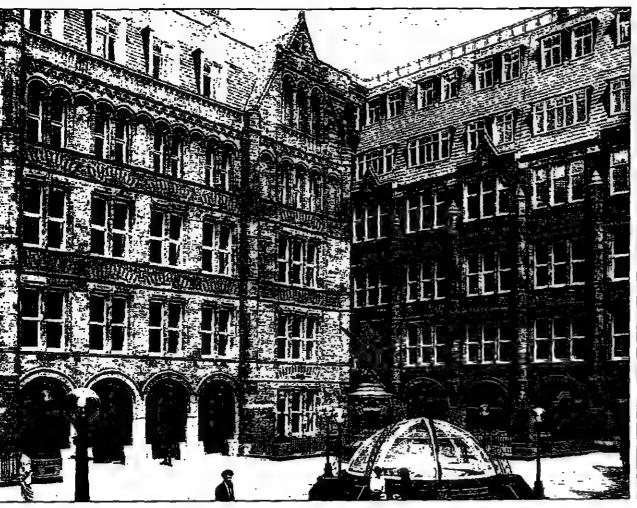
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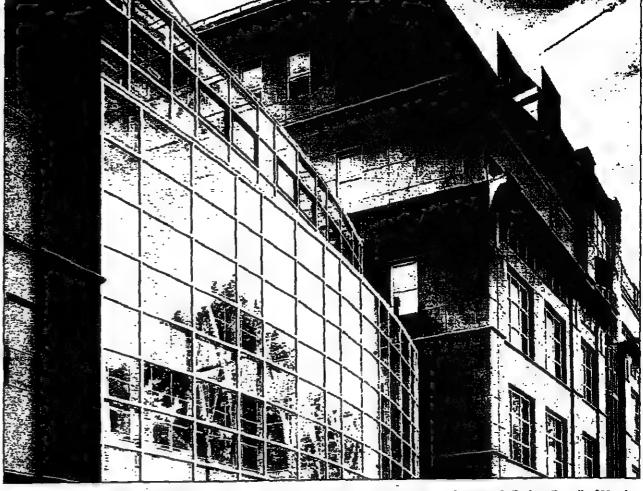
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PRUDENTIAL, the leading insurance, pensions and financial services group, has completed the £135 million redevelopment of its distinctive headquarters buildings at Holborn Bars. central London, in a project that took three and a half years. New buildings now stand alongside the red brick and terracotta

Victorian Gothic façades (above, left) that were designed by Alfred Waterhouse, who also designed the Natural History Museum. The 426,000 sq ft of space are contained in three distinct connecting buildings arranged around Waterhouse Square, a new public square with pedestrian access from



Holborn, Brooke Street and Leather Lane. The 160,000 sq ft West Court, running along Holborn and Brooke Street, is to be occupied by Prudential as its international headquarters, and the agent Herring Baker Harris is seeking tenants for the remaining 253,000 sq ft at North Court (above, right) and East Court at an asking rent of £35 a sq ft. Rodney Powell, of Herring Baker Harris, says the development is exceptional in that it could accommodate both legal firms requiring intensive cellular office layouts and companies that need large floor plates with layouts that are more open-plan.

Business plays it cool in a quiet market Companies in the South East are still uncertain and fear more job

cuts, though there are signs of hope, Christopher Warman writes

he prospects for businesses in London and the Southeast remain poor for the next few months as companies talk of uncertainty about the future and expect further job

This uncomfortable view is contained in the Property Confidence Review, published by Jones Lang Wootton Consult-ing-and Research after a survey of more than 600 companies occupying 97 mil-lion sq ft of offices and employing more than 580,000 staff. One glimmer of hope is that they expect job losses to slow down.

Of the companies surveyed, 29 per cent were more confident for the future than six months ago, but 60 per cent rate of job losses is slowing.

said their confidence would be unchanged for the next six months because they were unsure of the future. Such is the uncertainty that more than half the respondents declined to comment on the future of the economy, but of those that did, 40 per cent expected recovery signs in the second half of 1993.

During the past 12 months the companies included in the sample shed a total of 21,000 office jobs, or 3.5 per cent, nearly double the 11,500 they had predicted they would lose during the period. These companies now expect to lose a further 7.000 jobs, or 1.2 per cent, in the next 12 months. which, Jones Lang Wootton suggests, indicates that the

Prospects vary across the business sectors, but insurance and professional services are the only ones to predict employment growth in the next

crease in the number of jobs is expected to be small - less than 1 per cent — it will be across the board. The electronics sector expects the greatest job losses. The companies in the survey have cut nearly 10,000 jobs in

12 months. Although the in-

expect to lose another 5,000 jobs in the next 12 months. Gerald Blundell, a partner in Jones Lang Wootton, says

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that from the sample it estimates an overall loss of about 20,000 office jobs in the whole of the Southeast during the next 12 months. This figure is a marked improvement on the overall loss of 56,000 estimated six months ago.

In the past six months about 1.8 million sq ft of office space was taken up, 1.1 million sq ft less than the amount of space taken in the previous sixmonth period.
The City of London was the

most active market in the past six months, accounting for 43 per cent of the space occupied. compared with only 18 per

cent in the previous survey. Part of this increase was the result of the damage caused by the IRA bomb in the City in April, which led to a demand for emergency space.

Only 15 per cent of the companies in London and the Southeast said they had a requirement for new office space. This totalled 3.7 million sq ft. a fall of 36 per cent since January 1992. For nearly 80 per cent, however, the requirement was definite and for nearly 60 per cent the space was expected to be taken up within the next 12 months. Of the 3.7 million so ft

demand one-third has been pre-let and nearly a quarter is being built for owner occupation. The demand is evenly spread within the Southeast, and none of the companies in the sample expect to move outside the area. The West End of London has shown a significant increase in future demand. The area now has a 23 per cent share of demand compared with only 6 per cent

12 months ago. Mr Blundell says: "Our sample has identified central London, particularly the West End, and the Home Counties as the principal areas for

future demand. Continued convergence of rents will mean that occupiers will no longer gain to the same extent from the kind of cost savings that a decentralisation would have afforded them just a few years

Despite the bleak outlook emerging from Jones Lang Wootion survey, the property market is holding up comparatively well, according to Hillier Parker. The consultancy's latest average yields index shows that, although the picture is far from rosy, the market has defied warnings of a serious collapse.

The all-property average yield remains static at 9.2 per cent, the same as the gilt yield and substantially ahead of the equity yield.

MARKET MOVES

Offices are suffering more than the industrial and retail sectors, says Greg Nicholson, of Hillier Parker.

He says: "Offices are still the poor relation, and although we have seen a resurgence of acitivity in the provinces, compared with potential invest-ment stock available and the existing heavy weighting in this sector within most institutions' portfolios, the deal has to be either first-class or at a historically high yield to tempt most buyers."

He says, however, that prop-erty is performing better than most people give it credit for. While we were predicting doom and gloom 18 months ago, we have seen the market stabilise over the first eight months of this year." he says.

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Video tenants

BEAUMONT House in Kensington Village, London & Edinburgh Trust's 320,000 sq ft development in west London, has been let to Buena Vista Home Video, a Walt Disney subsidiary. As part of the deal, the developer is to install an air-conditioning sys-tem to the whole of the 81,000 sq ft property and has agreed to take over commitments on leases of two buildings held by Walt Disney in Soho. These incentives show that tenants are in a strong position. The rent is a closely guarded secret.
The letting brings the total
space occupied in Kensington
Village to more than 100,000 sq ft, and only Avon House, 31,500 sq ft of new air-conditioned offices, remains available in the first phase. Richard Ellis and Savills. which acted for London & Edinburgh, will also market the second phase of 155,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices.

Eggs in store CADBURY has won planning consent to build a 400,000 sq ft chilled ware-house on a 20-acre site at Midpoint Park, Birmingham, which will contain Europe's largest pallet store. The ware-house will hold more than 90,000 pallets storing 30 million Easter eggs and Christmas products, 80 per cent of which are manufactured at Bournville, Birmingham. Work on the £20 million project begins soon and is due for completion by August 1993. Cadbury searched for

Headed by an estate agent,

Anthony Hickman, the group,

HKD, is to open its first

Anglo-Chinese staffed office

next month, offering flats and

houses to investors and

"By the time the colony reverts to China in 1997 there

will be 25,000 new Hong

Kong holders of British pass-

ports, and up to 100,000 ex-

patriates looking for real

future UK residents.

Disney time: Buena Vista Home Video, part of the film group, is taking Beaumont House two years before deciding on the 90-acre Midpoint Park,

LILLYWHITES of Piccadilly Circus, the sports retailer, launches its 1990s new look tomorrow after a three-year project as part of the Criterion complex refurbishment. The £10 million scheme enables the company, owned by Forte, to increase its space from 28,000 sq ft to 35,000 sq ft. and open up parts of the building including the Grand Hall, a Grade I listed Victorian ballroom, which will house part of a new outdoor adven-

Birmingham's largest distri-bution and production centre.

Sporty new look

ture department. China challenge REGUS. the international business centre operator, has opened in Peking, providing an office environment for companies to ease the task of

establishing a local base in China. From a basic charge of \$250 a month, a company has access to a multilingual reception and answering service. secretarial and support services, interpreters and translators, modern telecommunications equipment and conference rooms. The centre forms part of the Peking Lufthansa Centre, which includes a 540room five-star hotel, the city's largest department store, apartments and restaurants.

Langham sale THE Langham Estate, cover-

ing 11 acres in London's West End between Euston Road and Oxford Street, is for sale at £77.5 million through Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks. The estate comprises 142 properties and the income is about £7.17 million, Tenants include Courtaulds, AMI Group, the BBC, C&A and Crest Hotels. The estate is owned by Grovewood (LE), which acquired it when Grovewood Securities took over Priest Marians Holdings

City's first

THE opening of B&Q's 47,000 sq ft DIY store on the Alvis Retail Park, Coventry. last week marked the comple-tion of one of the most successful out-of-town retail parks undertaken in Britain in the 1990s. The development took only nine months and four of the tenants paid premiums totalling £700,000. The project, by Longwood Alvis Retail Park, a wholly owned subsidiary of Longwood Developments, provides 135.140 sq ft in nine units, all of which were pre-let at rents between E9 and £16.40 a sq ft. The £13.5 million scheme is built on the 11-acre former Alvis works site and is the city's first retail park.

A new company aims to sell British real estate in Hong Kong

WHILE THE property mar-An early move on ket continues to stagnate, a group of entrepreneurs have aroused enough interest in Eastern customers Britain to convince them to form a company based in Hong Kong and Macao to sell new homes in the UK. estate bolt-hole investments

here," Mr Hickman says. "It is a huge potential market and our decision to open up a shop window in Hong Kong was further reinforced when the Portuguese overnment announced that it would be granting 150,000 new European passports to Macao residents. They will need the security of real estate

as investments or homes too.

and not all of them will

British housebuilders Tarmac, Westbury, Crest, Beazer, Bloor and Tay Homes have indicated interest in placing unsold UK homes on the computerised HKD register. The company will also offer

iegal, taxation and financial advice from its UK-trained and Cantonese-speaking executives in the territory and in Britain.

Chun F Kong, a UK-based

partner, says that it is not only Hong Kong residents who are interested in buying British real estate. He says: "Mainland Chinese companies have branch offices in Hong Kong and have become the higgest and have become the biggest commercial property invesiors there today. They have taken over from the Japanese, who are suffering a recession and have had to sell buildings in the colony. These mainland Chinese companies are in a position to buy whole housing developments and have shown keen interest in our property advertisements in Hong Kong."

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The king's cautious first step to reform

The kingdom was created 60 years ago today.

Christopher Walker reports on a move to open up political debate

audi Arabia emerged with fresh confidence from the Gulf war, and is now poised on the brink of a new era of consultation between the monarchy and the people. There is to be a new consultative assembly, or majlis al-shura.

It will be, by choice, a far cry from Western democracy, which has been decreed unsuitable despite an outcry from Saudi dissidents. But it is unprecedented in the 60 years since the state was founded, and will come as something of a revolution in a country regarded as one of the most conservative in the 21-member Arab League.

"A thousand-mile walk has to start with a first step," commented Esmat Abdul Meguid, the league's secretary general, when the reforms were announced in March. "From an Arab perspective it is a very good beginning, and I am very pleased. Do not expect us to go directly to a Western democratic system in a matter of days or months. This will take time.

The package is effectively the country's first written constitution. The changes in it go beyond setting up the assembly, which will be 60strong, and whose composition is expected to be announced this week. They include an important alteration to the system by which future kings will be chosen, by giving members of a younger royal generation the possibility of acces-sion to the throne if they are selected by their peers among about 500 senior royal princes.

The changes also grant gover-nors and local assemblies in the provinces extensive autonomy in deciding priorities on spending and development.

The new council will not be able to initiate legislation, only inform the cabinet and the king of its views. However, even cynical ob-servers acknowledge that this is the



Changing tradition: King Fahd gives one of his regular audiences to Saudi citizens. Soon a new assembly will increase public consultation

opening political debate in Saudi history, and describe the recent influx of Western armies en route to liberating Kuwait as a contributory

Internal political decisions have been marked by great caution since King Fahd succeeded King Khalid in 1982. King Fahd

Security

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has made promises of consultation three times previously without result, and a lavish building to house a new parliamentary empty in Riyadh since a previous promise of consultation early in the 1980s. When he made his announcement in March, he told

his people: "The democratic system that is predominant in the world is not a suitable system for the peoples of our region. Our peoples' make-up and unique qualities are different from those of the rest of the world ... We have Islamic beliefs that constitute a complete and fully integrated system. Free elections are not [part of] this Islamic

Like most decisions taken since Operation Desert Storm, the new basic laws are a careful balancing act between the demands of those urging speedy modernisation and conservatives fighting a rearguard action to keep the desert kingdom free from Western influences. The

absence of any new role for women

SETVATIVES. By contrast, article 37 states that "private homes have their sanctity", and this is a move to lessen the powers of the mutawa, or religimilitary ties ous police, who have been staging a backlash against any steps

is a sop to the con-

to bring in liberalisation. The war had a minimal cultural effect, according to Western diplomats, even though it brought more than 500,000 foreign troops on to Saudi soil. Like millions of foreign workers before them, the troops remained isolated. "This was probably the first war in history without war brides," one envoy remarked. The mere presence of the armies, however, with their Christmas

Despite the impact of the tapes, trees, women drivers and other

alien influences, deeply disturbed the fundamentalists, who have resorted to illegal cassette tapes in a campaign against the royal family. Iraq coalition, have resisted all But the latest assessment is that

their propaganda war has failed to deflect the monarchy from its ultra-cautious progress into the 20th One tape, entitled "Supergun", claims that "royal family princes are not owed allegiance unless they follow the rules of Islam". It attacks senior religious leaders allied to the monarchy; the United States, which it describes as the atheist enemy of Islam; and the growing number of middle-class and upper-

class Saudis who have turned from

religion to a more Western-orien-

tated way of life. A second cassette, "America As I Saw It", by Ayid Qorni, an Islamic preacher, has been circulating for more than two years. It pours scorn on the US as an atheistic nation where men marry other men, sons and daughters abandon their parents to hunger and old age, women have fatherless children, and films "show animals fornicating with

the Saudi monarchy has remained the West's most dependable ally in the Arab world. While Egypt and Syria, pillars of the 1990-91 anti-

Washington's overtures to support

the "no fly" zone imposed on Iraq below the 32nd parallel, Saudi Arabia has once again provided the main ground facilitie for the operation and accommodation for its headquarters in

Riyadh is aware of the extreme sensitivity of the issue in the Arab world, however, and has repeatedly denied that its planes have

been giving support outside Saudi airspace. It has stressed that the operation is in no way intended to split frag into three statelets, as many Arab leaders fear.

Almost no visas have been issued to Western journalists, which is thought to reflect annoyance at the reporting of Saudi social mores by the 2,300 who covered the Gulf war, and the fear that a new influx of reporters could result in more stunts, such as the driving demonSAUDI EMPTY QUARTER VEMEN REPUBLIC

stration staged then by 43 angry veiled women to protest against the ban on women drivers.

Saudi co-operation in the aerial exclusion zone was also not as quickly forthcoming as had been expected in Washington and London. Some diplomats say that the astute rulers of the kingdom, whose own defences are still lacking in many aspects, used the delay to ensure that President Bush finally went ahead with his controversial decision to approve the sale to Saudi Arabia of 72 F-15 fighter jets without demanding any reciprocal move by the Arabs to drop the Arab boycott against Israel.
Purchase of the F-15s will prove

that Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies have emerged from the war con-'We have vinced their future security depends on closer military ties to the US not changed and on a significant expansion in the size our system and weaponry of their of defence' own armed forces.

> have made repeated attempts to implement the Damas-cus declaration by moving their own troops to form part of a new Arab reaction force in the Gulf, but they have foundered as a result of the re-emergence of suspicions between the Gulf Arabs (regarded by many in the region as parvenus) and other Arab states.

Egypt and Syria

Running contrary to this trend is a shared suspicion of the ambitions of Iran, which may yet prove a new binding factor. "When it is the

Arabs against the Persians, almost any slight can be forgotten, but not yet those inflicted by President Saddam," an Arab diplomat says.

The Saudis are not alone in the Gulf Co-operation Council in wishing that the Americans would take more positive steps to overthrow the Iraqi leader. Unlike Kuwait, however, they remain concerned that it Iraq broke up, a breakaway Shia state beholden to Iran could emerge in the south.

The Sunni rulers in Riyadh remain suspicious of the traditionally poorer Shias of eastern Saudi Arabia, thought to number around 600,000. The Shias are excluded from a number of key positions, but are hopeful that their lot may soon

Saudi Arabia has seen values on its stock market double since the war's end, but it is a much less wealthy nation now than it once was. It has still not forgiven a number of those who failed to join the coalition, notably Jordan, Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Its refusal to forgive and forget is symptomatic of its new post-war confidence. This is based partly on a conviction that its own ways are the correct ones, and partly on the renewed proof of the strategic value of oil to the world's only remaining superpower

As one Saudi remarks to his son in a recent Le: Monde cartoon. pointing to oil wells stretching across the sand as far as the eye can see, "We have not changed our

The modernisation of defence is speeded by fears about Iran

A new priority for air power

he Gulf war interrupted Saudi Arabia's plans for defence modernisation, and temporarily threw them off course. Before August 2, 1990, when Iraq invaded Kuwait, the Saudis had been planning to expand the size and capabilities of their air force and army rather than concentrate on the army alone. However, the shock induced

in Riyadh by the invasion, and the possibility of Saddam Hussein's forces rolling south-wards towards the oilfields of the North-East Province, galvanised Saudi decisionmakers into a re-examination of their priorities.

Numerous "contracts" were entered into, although few of them have been formalised, to buy equipment, including tanks, infantry combat vehicles and artillery systems. The age of existing Saudi equipment, and its general unreadiness, persuaded many that army modernisation plans had to be brought forward quickly.

The rush of assistance from Western nations to Saudi Arabia did not, by itself, stop such hastily made plans from being pushed ahead. But once the allied coalition had successfully ne-invaded Kuwait, Riyadh decided to rethink its policy on defence modernisation. It has now returned to a policy of boosting its air defences, and slowing down land systems purchases.

Grand plans to procure a 1,200-tank army, or a 20-trigate navy, are now seen as illusory. Instead, Saudi Arabia in the past few months has reverted to basing its defence primarily on air power.

This renewed priority has been given an impetus by the noticeable growth of Iranian air power over the past year, with purchases of front-line former Soviet fighters, such as the MiG-29, and probably of

Tu-22 strategic bombers. This is the background to the current competition for immediate sales of fighters between the United States and Britain. Britain is offering the Tornado, and the Americans



Guard duty: Saudi troops escorting a visiting dignitary

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the F-15XP/F, but both have to reckon with the fact that with oil prices stagnant, and the possibility of their actually falling. Saudi Arabia is, in its own terms at least, short of ready cash.

Traditionally, the southern Gulf states have always regarded Iran as a bigger longterm threat than Iraq. The Iranian arms build-up under the Shah scared

the monarchies of the southern Gulf, and started them on their modernisation plans. The fall of the Shah in 1979 had the effect of pushing the West closer to these states, but the modernisation

had already begun. The Americans had originally put forward their Peace Shield plans in the late 1970s, and they were accelerated by the 1979 revolution in Iran, but not started by it. The basis of such plans, and of those put

forward by Britain, is the creation of an air force effective enough to protect Saudi air space against all comers, while keeping the reserve capacity, in numbers and quality of equipment, to strike against

The Peace Shield plans led to the sale to Saudi Arabia of E-3 Sentry Awars aircraft, against Israeli wishes, as well as of F-15 am

defence aircraft. Such plans mirror those adopted by Israel, which sees a good air force as the best air defence weapon, rather than rely-ing upon missile batteries. The Saudis went on to sign the original

Al Yamamah deal, for a comprehensive, long-term defence package, with Britain in 1985, as a result of American reluctance to sell a ground-attack variant of the F-15 to be a front-line attack aircraft. This was followed by Al Yamamah II, for which a memorandum of understanding was signed in 1988, and which could include a sale Al Yamamah is in line with

the Saudis have felt no regret at having "ditched", albeit temporarily, their American protector in favour of Britain. They like not being dependent on one source for their major equipment supplies.

Riyadh is now under pressure to place definite orders. with the United States or Britain, since both the F-15 and the Tornado production lines face closure unless a Saudi order is made.

In the United States, a possible order has been held up by delays over obtaining George Bush's approval for an still carry weight in American elections — but on September 11 the president announced his desire to see such a sale.

t the same time. Rivadh has been impressed by the performance of the Tornado attack aircraft, and has talked to British Aerospace about the possibility of buying the European Fighter Aircraft

The main difficulty facing Riyadh is money, because of stagnant oil prices. To put forward initial payments for Al Yamamah II, Riyadh had to borrow from Saudi banks, and it will probably raise the total of oil shipments to Britain to

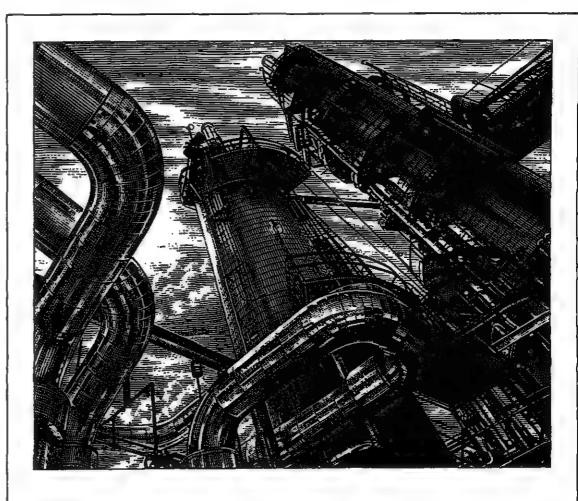
help pay for the deal.

Riyadh is having to balance
a number of factors in its defence procurement plans at present. The cash shortage has delayed long-promised deals, although defence needs seem likely to overcome fiscal nerseen by Riyadh is from Iran, and this is pushing the Saudis towards air, and air defence

There are also plans for modernisation of the ageing army equipment, but the shortage of ready money may well push back procurement plans to the mid 1990s at the

Talks are being beld with the Gulf Co-operation Council to establish a regional defence force, but the Saudis are more likely to look to their own capabilities first before they turn to arry GCC force. They are thus one of the best Western sales prospects in the Middle East over the next five years.

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Budgeting for boom



Shoppers in Jedda: money pumped into the economy from the oil industry is benefiting the retail trade

he Saudi economy is looking buoyant. The Gulf war has bolstered the country's confidence to an unexpected degree and given people a greater sense of self-

respect.

The private sector, clearly optimistic about the country's stability and the purchasing power of the rapidly increasing Saudi population, is pushing ahead with service and manufacturing projects.

Demand for imports is rising, while large private industrial projects, particularly in the chemicals sector, are starting up in the new industrial cities of Jubali and Yanbu. With huge volumes of liquidity in the financial system, the commercial banks, after some doldrum years, are again willing to lend.

The private sector has been helped by an expansionist budget for 1992, set at 181 billion Saudi riyals (SR), equivalent to £27 billion, 27 per cent up on the last published budget — SR143 billion (£21.3 billion), for 1990. Defence has taken the llon's share of this year's budget, but project expenditure was set at around SR52 billion (£7.8 billion), compared with recurrent expenditure of SR129 billion (£19.25 billion).

The largest percentage increase between 1990 and 1992 is for human resource development, which receives SR31.1 billion (64.6 billion). More than half the population is under 18, and a high priority is to educate, train and provide jobs for the young.

Despite government debts, business is bouncing back after the Gulf

crisis, Caroline Montagu reports

A priority is

to provide

jobs for the

subscriptions on new public

issues, and the number of

Saudi companies preparing to

come to the market. The

recent issue of 2.175 million

shares in the Saudi Pharma-

ceutical & Medical Company

(Spimaco), launched on Au-

gust 5 to raise a total of SR750

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1992. The slow

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and the current

account deficit have been ap-

parent for the past decade.

Saudi Arabia has now run a

current account deficit for ten

years, and figures from the International Monetary Fund

in late 1991 forecast that this

will continue to 1996, though

at a lower level once the

additional costs of the Gulf

The government has bor-

rowed both on the domestic

market and from the interna-

tional capital markets to fi-

nance its deficits. The government borrowed \$7 bil-

expected for

Another is to use Saudi rather the price/earnings ratios of than foreign manpower. the price/earnings ratios of traded companies, the over-

than foreign manpower.

Despite the perceived wisdom that government expenditure is the main motor of the economy, the private sector has at last achieved its own momentum.

This is reflected in the increasing percentage of nonoil activity in the annual figures for gross domestic product. It has been shown that the less the government imposes regulations on the private sector, the more business

Nevertheless, the government's vast oil, refining and petrochemicals expansion programmes have helped by

have helped by pumping money into the economy and providing a spin-off into construction, transportation and retail.

On the revenue side, the

On the revenue side, the government expects to receive SR151 billion (£22.7 billion). If non-oil income from the foreign reserves and other sources tops SR40 billion (£6 billion), this would leave about SR111 billion (£16.6 billion) as the figure for expected oil revenue.

Evidence of the economic upturn is clear in the Saudi stock market boom, shown in the number of traded shares.

lion in 1991 and 1992, but it is also encouraging the big state companies, such as Saudi Aramco and the affiliates of the Saudi Basic Industries control and the utilities to obtain their own funding.

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At the same time, the government has been tapping the domestic riyal market through government development bonds and treasury bills issued by Sama.

The level of the government's debt and debt servicing in the medium term is causing concern, but not alarm. According to the IMF's staff report of late 1991, "Despite the relatively favourable outlook for oil reserves, a medium-term fiscal scenario prepared by the staff team for the period 1992-96 envisages the budget deficit remaining relatively high (in the range of 7 to 9 per cent of gross domestic

ebt-service payments on government obligations are projected to rise significantly to about 11 per cent of total expenditures in 1996, adds the report.

Official Saudi reserves have

product) over the period."

been drawn down over the past few years and especially during the Gulf crisis period. According to the IMF's International Financial Statistics, in the summer of 1992 Saudi Arabia had \$11.7 billion in short-term liquid funds. However, given the increasing strength of the trade balance and the diversification of the economy, the country's debt servicing is manageable.

The world's largest oil exporter aims to step up production

Chemicals, refining and greener fuel the targets

If the world oil market sometimes behaves in an emotional and volatile way, and if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) often appears unstable, Sandi Arabia's commitment to systematic exploitation of its oil is unshakable and consistent, Caroline Montagu writes.

It is the world's largest exporter, the world's second largest producer (after the former Soviet Union), and its proved reserves of about 258 billion barrels represent about a quarter of the world's toml.

During the 1990-91 Gulf crisis the country showed its commitment to world oil security and stable prices by increasing production by three million barrels per day (bpd) to offset production lost from Iraq and Kuwait.

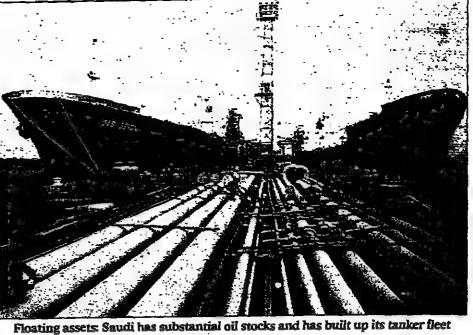
Within Opec, Saudi Arabia's production is on a different scale from any other member, and its surplus production capacity - it can still turn the taps on more underpins the strength of its position. In order to maintain this clout and its market share, Saudi Arabia has made clear that it will not produce below eight million bpd, whatever its Opec quota, and has tailored its oil strategy to give it maximum flexibility in the markets, as well as a substantial cushion of surplus production capacity.

It has instituted an ambitious programme through the state oil company. Saudi Aramco, to expand sustainable production to ten million bpd by 1995, with capital expenditure of about \$15 billion, and to achieve 12 million bpd later in the

This programme includes development and upgrading of existing fields and their facilities both onshore and in the Gulf, and exploration for and development of new fields.

Since the bulk of Saudi crude is heavyish and sulphurous, and world demand is for ever lighter and sweeter products, the discovery of light sweet crude in a new field, Al Hawtah, in central Saudi Arabia has been welcomed. This field and another light field, Shayba, on the edge of the Empty Quarter (Rubh al Khali), have been given high priority.

However, recent moves by the European Community to curb demand by phasing in a carbon tax on oil consumption have been most



unwelcome to Riyadh. Saudi Arabia takes a dim view of the notion that the extra revenue generated should go to oilconsuming, rather than producing, countries, and it questions the wisdom of its own massive expenditure on new facilities when the West aims to curb demand and take

Another prong of its strategy is the development of refining and marketing facilities outside the country and the upgrading of its domestic refineries. The long-term goal, as stated by Hisham Nazer, the oil minister, is to sell about half its crude oil as higher-value refined products and to have a refining capacity outside the country of about three mil-

ion bpd.

At the same time, Saudi Arabia tries to keep very substantial stocks of oil in floating or onshore storage close to markets.

It has been building up its tanker fleet through Vela, Saudi Aramco's tanker subsidiary. Saudi Aramco has also been buying into storage capacity in Europe and the

The country's aim is to set up secure market outlets and to keep income stable and customers happy, and with this end in view it has been forming joint ventures by buying into refining and distribution companies abroad. The most notable is Star Enterprise, a joint venture

States refining 600,000 bpd.

A more recent venture is the Han-Saudi Oil Refining Company, a \$470-million deal between Saudi Aramco and Ssangyong, which gives the Saudis a stake in two South Korean refineries and retall outlets. Recent discussions with the Japanese have apparently led to an agreement in principle for a major Saudi-

ment in Saudi Arabia.

In the refining and products end of the business, a new company, Saudi Marketing & Refining Company (Samarec), was established by royal decree in December 1988. Samarec has started an

Japanese refining joint ven-

ture in Japan and possibly

some similar refining invest-

The aim is to set di Arabia, which will increase production of lighter products and make Saudi Arabia the world's largest exporter

of unleaded petrol.

The first phase, costed at \$2 billion, covers the three domestic refineries at Riyadh, Jedda and the new industrial city of Yanbu. Plans down the line affect the three joint-venture export refineries at

Jubail, Yanhu and Rabigh.
The seventh refinery, Saudi
Aramco's Ras Tanura, is due
to have a major upgrading
programme to double capacity from the existing level of
250,000 bpd to 530,000 bpd
(its previous capacity before a
fine in 1990). It will run

mainly on heavier Saudi crudes but produce light prod-

ucts for export.

On the petrochemicals side, the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic), having set up 15 primary manufacturing plants in the past ten years at Yanbu on the Red Sea and at the larger industrial city of Jubail on the Guif, has started a \$6-billion expansion

Sabic began by producing base chemicals, such as ethylene, methanol, ethylene giycol and polyethylene, in 50-50 joint ventures with Western companies. It has now expanded into chemical intermediates and some end-chemicals.

becoming a major producer of the high octane additive, MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether), for unleaded petrol. It is now producing polypropylene and PVC, and may be planning to manufacture acrilonitrile, the nylon intermediate. At the same time, it plans to double the quantities of base chemicals.

The development of Sabic plants has given Jubail and Yanbu, the two industrial cities, a new look. Jubail has changed from eight or ten years ago. The Jubail-Dammam road, previously almost empty, now has a steady flow of heavy lorries. The city was planned, along with Yanbu, to be an industrial centre of Saudi Arabia. Yanbu has still got some way to go to catch up with Jubail, but, with worries about Gulf security, it is likely to accelerate its development.

Near miracles with seed and water



Field studies: food production became a high priority of the Saudi government in the mid 1970s, when some Americans urged an embargo

audi Arabia's great leap forward in agriculture during the past 20 years has been breathtaking. The country has made the desert bloom, developed hundreds of thousands of acres of wheat production, particularly in the central Nejd, created intensive horticulture for fruit and vegetables and is nearly self-sufficient in dairy products.

Such an achievement is almost miraculous in a country with no running rivers, a hostile desert climate, and a very low and variable rainfall, Caroline Montagu writes.

The Saudi government's policy of

The Saudi government's policy of developing agriculture dates from the mid 1970s when, in response to the 1973 oil embargo by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), some American politicians suggested a tit-for-tat food embargo. Food security in Saudi Arabia, and in other Arab countries, became a matter of highest government priority. Riyadh established a far-reaching programme of agricultural subsidies in order to achieve a sensible level of food security.

This thrust towards agriculture has served two other purposes: bringing employment and prosperity to rural areas, and slowing the drift to the towns, which were already expanding rapidly. It has benefited the central area of Nejd. which, though the heartland of the ruling family, had not experienced the prosperity of the Eastern Province's oil industry nor the trade expansion in the Hijaz on the Red Sea.

The agricultural subsidies have

Breathtaking advances in agriculture have brought blooms even to the desert sands

exporter of wheat

served their primary aim of achieving a prudent level of food security. In 1980, 87 per cent of the country's food was imported: this has now been halved. Between 1985 and 1990, the share of agriculture in the Saudi gross domestic product rose from 3.4 per cent to 8 per cent, and the farming economy is slowly diversifying.

Under the present five-year plan (1990-95), the targeted annual growth rate in real terms for the agricultural sector is 7 per cent, more than twice the rate for the whole

economy.

This all has its price. The government paid \$2.1 billion in subsidies for the record 1990 harvest of more than four million tons of wheat. Such is the production of grain that Saudi Arabia is

production of grain that Saudi Arabia is now the world's sixth largest wheat exporter. On the other hand, Saudi Arabia is the world's largest importer of barley. The indirect subsidies are expensive farmers receive an 80 per cent interest-free loan for agricultural inputs.

The country has also become selfsufficient in eggs and in some fruit and vegetables, and it is the world's largest producer of dates. Production of dairy produce has almost achieved selfsufficiency, but again at a great cost in both subsidies and water.

Once the factor of water and water resources enters the agricultural equation, everything on the farm looks less rosy. It has been calculated that in Saudi Arabia it takes 1,500 gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk because of the water needed to produce the fodder, to water the cows and to stuice the animals to keep them cool.

Wheat production has other draw-

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Table backs: most of the wheat is produced in Qassim. in a belt north of Riyadh and further south towards Al Kharj. The crops are watered by the American system of central pivot irrigation. with very

is drawn from deep, non-renewable, fossil water aquifers. The extent of the water resources is one of the best-kept secrets in Saudi Arabia, and a matter of government sensitivity. Saudi water comes from three sources. One is renewable groundwater, which accounts for less than 5 per cent of the country's consumption. This includes the shallow aquifers and major dams in the south-west. The shallow aquifers have

older oases, while old aquifers under cities are being contaminated with untreated waste water.

The second source is desalinated water, which provides domestic water in cities such as Riyadh, Jedda, Taif and Mecca. Desalination provides 90 per cent of Riyadh's water, and is piped 850 miles from the country's biggest desalination plant on the Gulf. But desalinated water is expensive, and the Saline Water Conversion Company is underfunded.

It is the third source, the water for

agriculture, that causes most apprehension. Agriculture uses some 90 per cent of Saudi Arabia's annual consumption of about 16 billion cubic metres. This water comes from the non-renewable fossil aquifers, the life expectancy of which is reckoned by some to be only about 20 years. In the Qassim area, the water table has dropped 100 metres in the past ten years, and some farms have stopped production. Deeper drilling produces saltier, hotter water and, since the aquifers are cone-shaped, yields diminishing volumes.

Critics of the present policy comment

Critics of the present policy comment that exporting wheat is tantamount to exporting water, and that agriculture needs a new look. The wheat subsidy should be heavily cut and the barley subsidy increased, they say. The present five-year plan calls for a reduction in both water consumption and wheat production, but neither is happening. The concept of water conservation has yet to take hold in Saudi Arabia, while treatment of waste water is in its infancy.

A land with everything that money can buy

n observer of urban planning might be forgiven for not recognising Riyadh as the same city when looking at photographs from the 1960s and the 1990s, Caroline Montagu

writes.

Similarly, a healthcare worker might well refuse to believe that the statistics come from the same country when looking at, say, primary healthcare facilities in the two periods. The same might be true of education, power generation and distribution, telecommunications and much

The explosion in Saudi Arabia of social services, physical and social infrastructure, health, education, social insurance and housing since the first oil boom of the early 1970s must be without historical parallel. The ruling Saud family has made valiant and mainly successful efforts to improve the living standards of its compatriots out of all recognition.

recognition.

While the need for heavy social expenditure in both urban and rural areas would have been obvious on any tour through the country, the family, as good Muslims, would also have been aware of the part of Islam's moral teaching that demands a high level of social responsibility and of care for instance health education.

For instance, health, education and other social services have been transformed over the past 25 years. Male life expectancy was 50 years in 1965; in 1989 it was 64. Female life expectancy was 47 in 1965; it was 62 in 1989. In 1965 the death rate was 20 per cent per 1,000; in 1989 it was 8 per cent.

Similarly, the infant mortality rate has dropped, though not yet to the levels of member states of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The result has been a big population increase, caused by higher life expectancy, lower

Public sector spending has

transformed

infant mortality rates and a higher birth-rate. Among Saudis, as opposed to foreign residents, population growth is 3.7 per cent (very high by world standards).

Population figures for the kingdom are uncertain, but if a realistic level is about eight million Saudis, the population will increase by 35 per cent by 2000 and double in 19 years. The state has set up social benefits for its citizens from the cradle to the grave. Healthcare is free. According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's last annual report, for 1990, the health ministry runs 163 hospitals and more than

Saudi citizens pay no income tax, but receive many state benefits

1,500 primary healthcare centres, while the Ministry of Defence, the Interior Ministry and the National Guard run another 31 hospitals. The country can be justifiably proud of two specialist hospitals in Riyadh, the King Saud Specialist Hospital and King Khalid Eye Hospital.

Much has been done in education. Islam has always placed a high premium on education for both boys and girls, but it is also a sector in which King Fahd takes a personal interest. The universities are expanding their numbers of both sexes, and the new campus of King Saud University in Riyadh now vies with the well-established and prestigious King Fahd Univer-

sity of Petroleum & Minerals

in Dhahran.

Different curricula are taught to boys and girls at school level, girls education being under a different administration, which is a source of some discontent. At tertiary level, there are mixed universities, separate women's universities and separate Islamic universities for men.

Other benefits for Saudi citizens include state pensions and the absence of any income tax. although Muslims are supposed to pay the annual zakat, a Muslim charitable tax.

In a country the size of Western Europe and with vast tracts of inhospitable desert country and high inaccessible mountains, the need for good communications is essential.

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Since the 1970s, expenditure on communications and transportation has been enormous. The telecommunications systems, already good, are now being upgraded, although serious shortages of telephone lines bedevil parts of Jedda, for instance.

Saudia, the national airline, is an arm of government policy, and runs constantly at a loss. Internal flights are subsidised, so enabling Saudis to get to know the diversity of their country and fellow citizens.

The road system allows large and powerful cars to go extremely fast on six-lane highways and is linking up the remoter areas.

Saudi Arabia takes its responsibilities to Islam seriously. There has been high expenditure in Mecca and Medina, two of the three holy cities of Islam, and on Jedda's airport terminals and port facilities. The region is the centre of the annual pilgrimage — the hadj — and has pilgrims all the year round. All of its facilities have been expanded and improved, while mosque building has continued throughout the

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On 23 September 1932, King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud proclaimed a unified Kingdom in the Arabian peninsula. He called it, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This was the culmination of an endeavour that began in 1902, when he succeeded in re-establishing the rule of the House of Saud in the capital Riyadh.

The discovery of one of the world's biggest oil reserves in the Eastern Province of the Kingdom in 1938 helped to fuel the development of the country at an unprecedented rate. In particular during the last two decades Saudi Arabia has been transformed into one of the most prosperous and dynamic of world economies. Infrastructure and the welfare of the people have been developed to match the best anywhere. Yet, the Saudis have remained constant and true to their traditional values and Islamic beliefs. They have progressed beyond recognition, but have remained unchanged!

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Archaeology reveals the desert's secrets

audi Arabia faces a gigan-tic task in dealing with the many archaeological sites that are dotted around its vast territory. More than 10,000 sites have been recorded, and they display a great diversity.

At one extreme are the showpiece sites: Diriyah, the ancient capital of the Nejd, just outside Riyadh, and Madain Salih, the Nabataean monumental centre in the Hijaz mountains. At the other extreme are single rock-carved inscriptions, standing stones, and collections of

Dr Abdullah Al Masri, the deputy minister of education, who has special responsibility for antiquities and museums, says that even now not all Saudi Arabia's ancient sites have been surveyed. But he is philosophical about it. "Antiquities are like wealth," he says. "A too rapid depletion of present opportu-nities will not serve the future well."

As he said this, Dr Al Masti was standing among the ruins and newly restored buildings of Diriyah. This haunting, aban-doned town, built in mud brick, was the seat of the House of Saud for more than 500 years, and is now a cultural shrine and a leading

tourist attraction.

Madain Salih is far away in the northeast of the country. There in the desert are the great façades carved from the solid rock by the Nabataeans in the 1st century. They match those of their capital at Petra, in modern Jordan, but are spread across an even larger area. The diversity of Saudi archaeology

Variety is the spice of Saudi Arabia's past. John Herbert reports on 10,000 sites

energy

is shown by the fact that in the same area there are also important relics from the early Islamic period, as well as the remains of the Hijaz railway, destroyed at the instigation

of Lawrence of Arabia during the Arab revolt in the first world war. Saudi Arabia also has the main portion of the Darb Zubaidah, an early route dating from the second

century of Islam. which allowed tens of thousands of pilgrims to make their way safely from Iraq to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina across more than 600 miles of hostile desert. Large rocks were moved during its construction, and soft

sand was strewn on stony ground. More than 100 stone-lined reservoirs and 54 way stations and fortified resting places survive.

These archaeological riches are threatened by pipelines, roads and airports. There is also a threat from the growing band of amateur archaeologists, mainly expatriate. Erosion has been a constant factor.

A master plan was drawn up, therefore, which called for a period of survey work before any large excavation. This allowed time for assessment of the task and also for training a new generation of conexperts and archAs the inventory built up, it recorded a number of unexplained stone monuments and structures in remote desert areas, and raised the question whether the dimate could have been kinder in past ages. The

answer was a hesitant "yes", as many very ancient sites are associated with dried-up lake beds. In the Saffaqah area in central

Saudi Arabia, a trial excavation yielded 11,000 stone tools of Heritage the Acheulian tradition, which ended 150,000 years ago. Near Al Hanakiyah treated with there are rock carvings approximately 8,000 years old, depicting an-imals very like the doand wisdom

mestic cattle and dogs of today. It appears that during the last Ice Age in Europe, the Arabian peninsula was once again more temperate. Large parts of the Empty Quarter of Arabia were once taken up by vast freshwater lakes, and the bones of animals have been found on

The Saudi universities have played a considerable part in the training of archaeologists. Every year up to 100 students set out from King Saud University in Riyadh for a two-month stay at Qaryat Al Faw, a pre-Islamic site on the edge of the Empty Quarter. Professor Abdulrahman Al Ansari, head of the

archaeology department, sees this site, which flourished between the 4th century BC and the 4th century AD. as an important training ground as well as an exciting

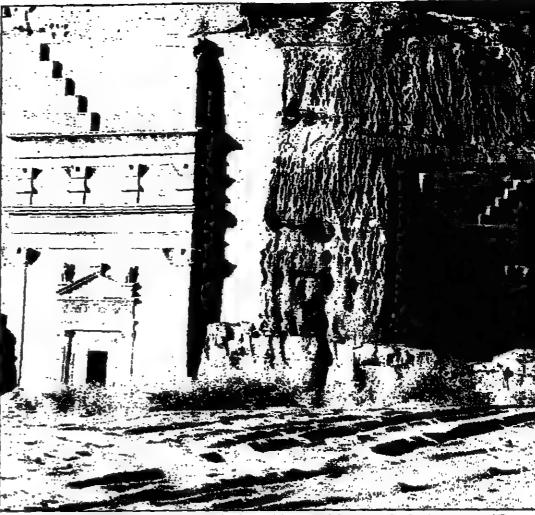
King Saud University is undertaking another excavation at Al Rahadah, a "lost city" from the early years of Islam that was recently discovered by the assiduous detective work of a Saudi

Other encavations have been carried out at the Babylonian outpost of Tayma in the Hijaz. Najran near the Yemen border, and Al Jawf in the north.

At the last of these, substantial city walls have been emerging from the sands around the ancient settlement, where a fortress dating from the 3rd century BC stands close to one of the oldest mosques of Islam, which is believed to date from the reign of the caliph Omer (634-644).

For reasons of national pride it could have been tempting to build a comprehensive museum in Riyadh. but Dr Abdul Aziz Al Khuwaiter, the education minister, and Dr Masri opted instead to establish nine smaller "site museums", pread throughout the country and located close to the main archaeo-

The Saudis have shown energy and wisdom in their approach to their heritage and its preservation, fact that King Fahd is himself an and knowledgeable



The world power that grew out of obscurity The land ignored by conquerors

later challenged the Americans

The rise of the Saudi kingdom to global prominence is one of the most interesting political and economic phenomena of the 20th century. Only 80 years ago, the fieldom of Emir Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman bin Faisal al-Sand, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, comprised just the inland desert province of Nejd, nominally part of the Ottoman Empire, but too backward and inhospitable for the Turks to bother about." OVER OU VEARS the world depression of 1931, Abdul Aziz's main income taxes on pilgrims to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina dried up, and the treasury was

cow to beg for Soviet assisgovernment, which had supported his rise to power, agree to bail him out.

virtually bankrupt. Only when

the emir sent his son, the

young Prince Faisal, to Mos-

The next couple of years saw two momentous developments. In Sep-tember 1932, Abdul Aziz felt confident enough in his rule to de clare himself king of Saudi Arabia. Then in May 1933 an American oil company signed an agree ment to prospect for oil A British

engineer, Major Frank Holmes, had already obtained an exchasive licence in 1923 but had done nothing with it. Now the Americans began

to supersede the British on the Saudi scene. Oil was discovered by Aramco before the second world war, but revenues really began to flow only after 1947. Within 20 years. Saudi Arabia had become one of the richest countries in the world.

The origins of the Saudi monarchy stretch back much further, to the late 18th century, when Muhammad ibn Saud, the head of a small bedouin sheikhdom in central Arabia, with his base in Diriyah, near modern Riyadh, joined forces with Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhah, an itinerant preacher who led a militant Islamic revival movement in his lands. Their joint hostility was directed at the Ottoman sultan, on the grounds that he treated with

the infidel West. In 1806, to show their displeasure, their joint forces occupied the Turkish-controlled city of Mecca. Turkey quickly reasserted its authority, and central Arabia was enguifed by internal conflict as the al-Sauds long-time rivals, the Rashid clan, which headed the Shammar tribe in the north of modern Saudi Arabia, extended their rule into the Nejd.

Only in the early years of the 20th century did the new dynamic young Abdul Aziz, begin to re-establish the Saudi

position. In 1902, he forced the Rashid out of the central Nejd town of Riyadh, which

then became his capital. During the first world war, the Rashid were backed by the Turks, and the British lent support and modern weapons to the al-Sauds. Generally, however, the Saudis played only a minor role in the war. Attention focused on the Hijaz, where the British assisted the local bouse of Hashem, headed by the wily Sharif Husain of Mecca. in against the Turks.

After the helped Sharif Husain's sons. Faisal and Abdullah, to become kings of Syria (later of iraq) and Transjordan respectively. But a power vacuum emerged in the Hijaz. In 1924, members of the Ikhwan (literally, brotherhood), the shock troops of the puritanical Wahhabi movement, were prevented from making the Hadj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, on the grounds that they were

a threat to foreign pilgrims. The Ikhwan

used this as an excuse to attack the Hijaz, and although Abdul Aziz was forced to rein them back strongly, he finally took over as the 1926. Six years later, after tidy ing up his bordeclared king of modera Saudi

Old capital: Diriyah

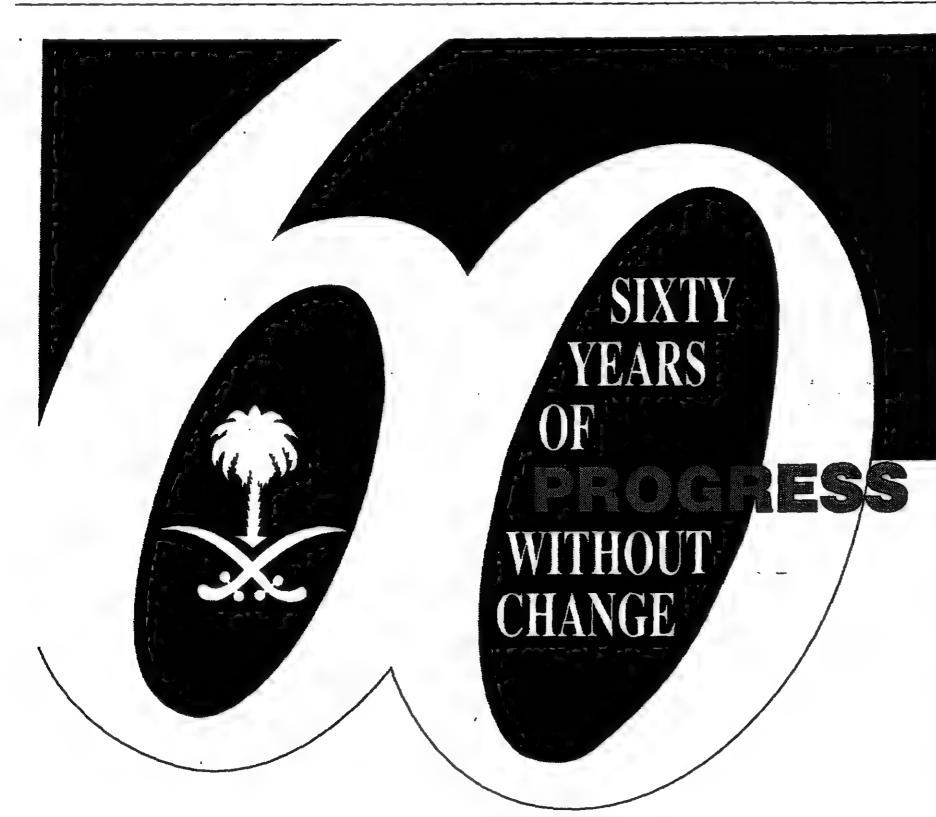
archs have maintained a slightly uneasy, but utilitarian alliance with the modern Wahhabis. latter's religious support gives authority to their regime, particularly to their title of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, but Abdul Aziz and his successors have also fought to loosen the shackles of fundamentalism where necessary, notably in matters of economic development and education.

Before he died in 1953, Abdul Aziz had begun to build the trappings of a modern state. His eldest son and successor, Saud, proved unequal to the job, and the regime regained its momenturn only after Faisal was

crowned in 1964. By the time of the Arab-Israel war of October 1973, Saudi Arabia was rich and strong enough to challenge its protector, the United States. over its support for Israel, But the kingdom was shaken by the assassination of King Faisal in 1975 and the rebellion that led to the assault on the Grand Mosque in Mecca in 1979.

King Faisal was succeeded by his brother. King Khalid, and then, when he died in 1982, by another of King Abdul Aziz's many sons, the present King Fahd, who is 11 years older than his kingdom.

ANDREW LYCETT



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Bargain buy Surprise Offer to follow up Bath success

SURPRISE Offer looks the most gifted horse on view at Brighton today and he is my nap to win the Race Hill Stakes (2.00).

When Lord Carnaryon and David Sieff paid 7,600 guineas for Surprise Offer as a yearling last autumn, they did so with a view to trying to win the valuable Newbury Sales Super Sprint Trophy on the Berkshire track this July.

In the event Lord Carnarvon had an even better candidate in the eventual winner, that remarkable filly Lyric Fantasy.

Surprise Offer, who also took part, finished a highly commendable fifth, having previously been beaten only three-quarters of a length by Satank in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Given the requisite time in which to recover from that hard race at Newbury, Surprise Offer reappeared at Bath nine days ago when he won by eight lengths in a canter to give Richard Hannon his 1.000th success on the Flat. Lord Carnarvon said after

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

that race that Surprise Offer's training this autumn was being geared to a crack at the group three Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot on October 10 and that he hoped that by then his colt would have enjoyed two morale-boosting victories. That race at Bath was the first: today's at Brighton should be the second.

While Jack Berry's runner Trentesimo has won at Carlisle and Pontefract and Lester Piggott's mount Troon has been successful over today's course and distance, neither they nor any of the other three runners have indicated that they are likely to trouble a horse of Surprise Offer's proven ability.

The EBF Kemp Town
Maiden Stakes, the other race

for two-year-olds on today's programme, can go to Barik, who was backed to win his first race at Lingfield earlier this

the question.

In the event, Bank could finish only fourth behind Urgent Request, the only other newcomer seriously supported

I believe Barik is entitled to another chance here, more especially since the two were drawn on opposite sides of the

Modi, who was a promising lifth first time out at Kempton in the race won by Athens



John Hills: trains the fancied Eternal Flame

3.20 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (62,490: 51 59yd) (16 runners)

SETTOME: 8-1 Barbury Flyur, 7-1 Misser Johann, 8-1 Little Sababur, 10-1 Sanatara, Specialina, 13-1 Gallant Hapa, Baye Mand, 14-1 Sarious Huny, Sal Captain, Lifley River, Wavenby Star, 16-1 others.

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(3-Y-0: £2,070: 1m 1f 209yd) (9 runners)

3.50~EBF KEMP TOWN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,366: 6f 209yd) (15 runners)

disappointing at Yarmouth last time after showing up so well there the time before, look

the pick of Barik's opponents. In the Eric Simms Memorial Handicap, I like none better than that consistent filly Eternai Flame, who is trained by John Hills and will be ridden

by his younger brother. Richard. Before Eternal Flame ran at Epsom last time her talented trainer voiced serious doubts about whether she would be good enough to beat Grand

Master, who had won his

previous race at Sandown. Hills was proved right, yet it was by only three-quarters of a length that Eternal Flame succembed. Since the third horse was four lengths adrift, there is every reason to think that Eternal Flame can go one better here.

The Wood Ditton Stakes third Barahin, who looked a bit unlucky at Goodwood last time after a lengthy injury-enforced lay-off, is just pre-ferred to Fieldridge in the Steine Maiden Stakes.

at Bath on paradiments start (St. Rush, with GAL-LANT HOPE (10th bather oils) 2541 5th. RANS MEAD 2551 4th of 10 to Dictores Lane in a handless at Kampton 515, good in Bray), with STOCKTIMA. (2th bather oil) 7541 5th. in STOCKTIMA. (2th bather oil) 7541 5th. in Strip Cantons in a handless at Scothwall (AM, St. Sanctord), with SEROUS HURRY (2th bather oil) 6541 5th. BAU-BUTY RUSE with and of 19 to Dome Pru in a handless at Bath (51 161yd., good), with MASTER IOLSOIL (1th succes oil) a nated, with MASTER HOPE (2th bather oil) 11 6th. Salinction: BANBURY RUYER

All At Sea and Lahib corner market for Ascot feature

By PHIL MCLENNAN

brokes reducing the Riverman

In the face of interest in the

soft ground horses, Ladbrokes

eased Marling a point to 4-1 and Second Set from 7-1 to

Set, 12-1 Lahib, 33-1 bar.

ground. There were some

ominous black clouds and the

heavens opened a few miles

first few days were very fright-

ening. I'm still not 100 per cent fit and it will take a couple

of days to get the muscles

going again. It's like the start

of the season all over again.

But I'll be fully fit to take the mount on Marling at Ascot on

"She's been a big incentive in my recovery. She's in good order and Selkirk looks the

one we have to beat. It should

be a wonderful race and a

great spectacle for the public."

Always cantering, Mithl Al Hawa won the Duxford Fil-

lies' Stakes by three lengths

and is now likely to contest the Racecall Gold Trophy at

Saturday,

Winner for Swinburn

colt from 20-1 to 12-1.

PUNTERS yesterday lauched on to proven soft ground peformers All At Sea and Lahib for Saturday's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes as rain clouds gathered over Ascot.

With beining activity on a fascinating festival of British racing gathering pace, a wholesale gamble also developed on Laburnum for the Krug Trophy.

All At Sea, winner of the Prix du Moulin on soft going at Longchamp on her latest start, was significantly trimmed a point to 5-1 for the Ascot centrepiece by Ladbrokes, who were already offering the shortest price.

The Tote cut Henry Cecil's filly from 7-1 to 6-1 and Hills, who had offered the longest price yesterday morning, from 8-1 to 6-1.

Lahib, an excellent second to Exit To Nowhere on soft ground in the Prix Jacques Le

AFTER a month off with head

injuries, Walter Swinburn cel-

ebrated his return to the

saddle with victory aboard

Mithl Al Hawa - Arabic for

go like the wind — at Kempton Park yesterday,

winner's enclosure again and I'm feeling good," said Swinburn, who suffered

severe concussion in a fall in

Swinburn returned for one

osing ride at Nottingham on

Monday and yesterday's suc-

cess was his first since August

The fall was not an experi-

2.00 Mr Knitwit. 2.30 Chain Shot. 3.00 Family Line. 3.30 Ceitic Prince. 4.00 So Discreet. 4.30 Arctic Skylight. 5.00 Secret Cestle.

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2.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1.897: 2m 110yd) (12 nanors)

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2.10 Flying Zlad. 2.40 Jasmin Path. 3.10 Ferm Street 3.40 Proplus. 4.10 Terrible Gel. 4.40 Leading Role.

2.10 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY

THUNDERER

BRIGHTON: 1.50 Gmb Sunday Sport, 3.20 Banbury Flyer.

2.30 FAIR MAIDS HANDICAP CHASE

3.00 TEMMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE

ence I would like to endure again," Swinburn said. "The

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

Newmarket High Street,

"It's great to be in the

Marois at Longchamp last time, was the other to attract away but we didn't get it." However, heavy showers or strong support, the Tote cut-ting Willie Carson's mount longer periods of rain are forecast for the rest of the from 20-1 to 14-1 and Lad-

Laburnum, one of three Luca Cumani-trained possibles, was all the rage for the £65,000 Krug Trophy, a handicap the Newmarket trainer has won twice in its

10-1. They now bet: 6-4 Selkirk (from 7-4), 7-2 Rodrigo De Triano (with a run), 4-1 Marling, 5-1 All At Sea, 10-1 Brief Truce, Second All the market moves on the big race came in anticipation of the ground easing but last night the official going re-

mained good. Nicholas Beaumont, derk of the course, said: "We had only a little rain and it's perfect now 6-1 from 10-1.

A fast-finishing second to Daisy Girl on his first run for four months at Kempton 18 days ago, Laburnum had previously chased home the subsequent triple group one winner Mashaallah in a Newmarket handicap.

Sutcliffe, was a strong order for the £50,000 Festival Handicap with Hills, who cut which price she is now jointfavourite with Deprecator.

The 1,000 Guineas will be sponsored for the next three Northampton-based firm of debt collectors. A new sponsor for the 2,000 Guineas has still to be found.

Canadian sprinter Bold

3.30 AVERE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,614; 3m) (6)

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5.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: M H Easterby, 4 winners from 10 numers, 40,0%; Mics L Persol, 7 from 20, 35,0%; Jentry Pitsperald, 4 from 12, 33,5%; M Herrotond, 11 from 37, 29,7%; G Motre, 13 from 50, 22,4%; P Mestalin, 12 from 60, 20,0%.

JOCKEYS: D.J. Burchell, B. wioness from 27 ricks, 22.2%; S. Lyons, 4, from 70, 20,0%; L. O'Hara, 10 from 50, 20,0%; C. Gland, 19 from 96, 19.8%; M. Moloney, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

3.10 HEPWORTH MINERALS & CHEMICALS LTD

4.30 GRAWS NEST HOTEL NOVICES CHASE

4.00 TONY CHARLTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CLAURING HURDLE (21,813: 3m 110yd) (8)

five-year history. "Whatever price we chalked

up for Laburnum, they want-ed to take it," reported Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, who were forced to halve the colt's price from 12-1 to 6-1 favourite. Anna Of Saxony, the original 6-1 market leader, is

Hills keep the Park Hill Stake third as their favourite at 5-1 but were also inundated with enouities for Laburnum.

Jaldi, trained by John

the filly from 16-1 to 12-1 at ears by Madagans Plc. a

N'Flashy is to be supplemented for the Ciga Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp on Sunday week.

SQUASH RACKETS

Hands up among the elite again

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN

TONY Hands reached an international semi-final for the first time in Malaysia last month and the experience appears to have unleashed his ambition. Yesterday, the England No. 10 defeated Mark Madean, the No. 11 seed and experienced Scottish No. 1, in the first round of the world open championship here then calmly declared his next target as Jansher Khan.

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Hands, the third Essex player to benefit from a full summer of preparation in South Africa, won 15-13, 15-11, 15-10 to reach a scheduled second round match against the Pakistani world No. 1. "I think this win should

confirm that, although I am still officially ranked 24th in the world, I am effectively among the top 16," Hands said, "I set up camp in Cape Town last May and only broke off fitness training to play in Malaysia and Singapore to protect my world ranking." It was a bonus to beat Brett Martin, of Australia, the world No. 6, and reach the semifinals in Kuala Lumpur, but Hands sees it as a beginning to another phase of his career.

"I have only played a couple of the top five once or twice," he said. "The difference in pace is unbelievable. With a higher ranking after this, I should become more and more familiar with that level of

play."

Chris Walker, the European champion and England No. 2, also reached the second round with a 15-13, 15-8, 15-12 win over the Irish qualifier.

Derek Ryan.
On Monday, Del Harris, who shares a Colchester background with Hands and Walker, and Peter Marshall, the British champion, dis-missed the two top South Africans also to reach the second round.

Marshall, a double-handed player, meets Jahangir Khan today knowing that the mighty Pakistani fears injury and early defeat. Harris meets Rodney Martin, of Australia, the defending champion. Morale among the Essex men is high. Hands is eager

for the test against Jansher, who will be aware that last December his opponent defeated Ross Norman, the former world champion, while concussed from a heavy racket blow to the face.

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BOWLS

Smith made to pay for team loyalty

LILIAN Smith, the Norfolk four-bowl singles champion, has been banned from next year's English Women's Bowling Federation champion-ships for being too successful this summer (David Rhys

Jones writes).

Smith is one of many Norfolk bowlers who divide their time between the Federation (EWBF) and Association (EWBA) codes, and has generally managed to honour her commitments to both. This year, however, having qualified for the EWBF national championships, she chose not to go to Skegness because she had also reached the quarter-finals of EWBA national mixed fours at Horsham.

"I felt I had a responsibility to my North Walsham teammates," she said yesterday. "I would have liked to have played in the EWBF event as well, and I was hoping my first game at Skegness could have been rescheduled."

The Norfolk Women's County Bowls Association. which runs the EBF code in the county, has decided to implement Rule 44, which warns that giving a walkover "could ' result in disqualification".

Smith said she was "very saddened" by the decision in view of her "dogged support for Federation bowls for the past 20 years."



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Role playing rules on a Saturday afternoon







Focusing on the finer points: from left, supporters come to grips with the action from the sideline at the Saracens club, the players come to grips with each other, and a woman supporter watches it all intently

Inal score: Saracens 14, Rugby 6, Martin 0. My failure to put points on the board wasn't for want of trying.

Or opportunity. It was an early season run-out and I was lacking in match practice. And so were the teams. But Saracens versus Rugby on the opening Saturday of the Courage Clubs Championship at least reminded me of the fundamental but forgotten truth about rugby union they may all be he-men on the pitch, but they're she-women

I hadn't been to a rugby game since I played briefly as a nippy wing in France, where the empha sis was on speed and elegance. since I left, although that is probably a coincidence. Even so, the French still tend to think of the English game as more perspira-tion than inspiration, and I wanted to put their view to the test.

The match began promisingly enough when Mapletoft dropped a goal for Rugby and I sat next to Zoe, a keen student of the game. She asked me if I knew about the new rules; I was, to tell the truth, pretty hazy about some of the old ones. I could never figure out, for example, when using one of your opponents as a punchbag was legal and when it wasn't. Zoe said she was fairly certain it was a penalty when you stood on some-

one else's head. When Zoe called the ref a 'hallerina", after he had awarded a penalty to Saracens for some similar misdemeanour, it came to me that she was probably a supporter of Rugby. True, he was rather on the slim, sinewy side, but the mastodons roaming about the pitch would have made a sumo wrestler look anorexic.

Chris Dossett, the Saracens and England Students full back, was one of the nimblest players on the How much does rugby union at the club level offer

the occasional visitor? Andy Martin settles down

to a match day on the sidelines at Southgate

field until he ran into the brick wall known as Steve Brain, Rugbounced off and flung the ball up at Brain's nose. Just as well Brain didn't notice, otherwise he might have got upset. "Brainy can get dirty." Zoe said. "Dirty but good."

This was a game decided by penalties not passes. The occasional jinking run apart, it was on the whole congested, particularly when the best part of 30 men converged on the ball simultaneously and piled on top of one another. Like cartoon characters who spring back to life after being obliterated by a grand piano, the man at the bottom always got up

At one point, Dossett, running back to catch the ball, reversed into one of his goalposts, clunking it audibly with his head. The trainer dashed on and sponged

down the goalpost.
"You follow Rugby closely, do you?" I asked Zoe.

"I'm married to No. 5," she He's quite small for a second row. Only off 5in and 15 stone. He's had a couple of broken legs, the odd arm. And the nose, of course. Nothing major."

soul. While his wife was talking about the injuries he had suffered. had inflicted, and was capable of inflicting in the future. The pack thundered by and the stands rattled. Then I looked up and saw it was only No. 5.

"Nice meeting you, Zoe." I said and slid off. I didn't want ber husband to get the wrong idea.
As a general rule, it's the "third half" of rugby games that makes them worthwile, and this match

In the bar, I made the acquaintance of the wonderful Kate Fullerlove, who has a split personality. During the week she runs a computer company, but at weekends she turns into a rugby player. Kate was one of three daughters born to a rugby fanatic father, who had founded the Tabard club. and she was trying to compensate.

The women's game was different, she said. "You don't have so much brute force and ignorance the emphasis is more on skill." She also reckoned that women's rugby songs were better than the

men's. She had once run the text of one of them past her computer's spell check: it didn't recognise more than half the words.

I don't want to give the impression that there were only women watching. Whole familes were debating the intricacies of the new lineout rules. Zoe turned out to have a three-week old baby with her who had already seen five matches. Neil Davis, 11, the only other male I could find who was smaller than me, was getting autographs. He boasted that he had once bagged all 15 Leicester

Tigers at one game. It is one of the paradoxes of the sport that the snarling carnivores who go about mauling each other on pitch are as gentle as lambs admittedly rather large lambs with prominent foreheads and exuding a strong scent of liniment
— afterwards. The supporters, too. are polite. There's no such thing as a rugby hooligan.

The name "Saracens" is no coincidence. The game is an exercise in nostalgia, looking back to a lost age of clarity when men were men and women were women and ever the twain shall meet. Watching this match had much of the fascination of a David Attenborough programme about mating rituals, with rogue males locking antiers to impress poten-

tial partners. There was no rejoicing by the winners, nor self-laceration from the losers, more a sort of detached academic discussion of the game's merits. The consensus was it was early days yet. My own assessment is that it was as much fun as I've had on a Saturday afternoon,

specially after the game finished. Kate assured me that the Saracens ran "a very tight bar". As I left, with the sound of words unknown to an innocent computer still ringing in my ears. I was inclined to think she was right.

GOLF

£1 million Open highlights golf's expansion path

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE Open championship will have prize-money of £1 million for the first time next year, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews announced yesterday.

The prize fund for the

122nd championship, to be played at Royal St George's. Sandwich. Kent, from July 15 to 18, shows an increase of

Nick Faldo will earn £100,000 if he successfully defends the title he won for a third time when he recovered to overhaul John Cook, of the United States, at Muirfield in July. The runner-up will re-ceive £80,000 and any player completing four rounds will collect a minimum of £3,500.

When Bobby Locke, of South Africa, won the Open at Royal St George's in 1949, he earned £300 from a prize fund of £1,700. Since then, the Open has been held twice at Royal St George's. When Bill Rogers, of the United States, won in 1981 the prize fund was £200,000 and when Sandy Lyle was successful in 1985, £530,000 was at stake.

The rise in prize-money has been a feature of golf during the last 10 years and the PGA European Tour will hope in 1993 to offer more than £21

Ken Schofield, the tour's executive director, has announced the 1993 Volvo Tour schedule which will comprise

1993 EUROPEAN TOUR ITINEHARY.

a minimum of 39 events. A new tournament, the Madeira Island Open, will bring the curtain up on January 14. more than two weeks earlier than at any time in the history of the PGA European Tour. It is likely to be followed by a tournament in South Africa for which contracts are shortly

to be signed.

The continuing expansion of the tour will provide all of the 300 members with sufficient opportunities to comply with a new regulation that they compete in a minimum of I I events to qualify for rank-ing in the Volvo Order of

Schofield said: "I believe that the worldwide respect commanded by the tour will be further strengthened by increasing the minimum number from nine to 11.

"It is the first time we have made a change since 1986, although the greater competi-tion for membership and the subsequent rising standards of play, make it necessary to keep our rules and regulations

July: 7-10: Bell's Scottish Open, Glensagles 15-18: 122nd Open Channonship, Royal St. Georges, 22-25: Hendelen Dutch Open, 29-Aug 1: Scandinavan Masters.
Aug: 5-8: BMW International Open, Gormany, 12-15: Austran Open, 19-22: Murphy's English Open, 26-29: Volvo German Open, 19-12: GA European Masters, Switzerland; 9-12: GA European Masters, Switzerland; 9-12: GA European Open, East Suspas, 16-19: Lancôme Trophy, 24-29: Ryder Cup. The Beltyn: 30-Oct 3: Marcades German Masters.
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A new incentive feature for 1993 will be that all players finishing in the top 10 of a regular full-field (144 players) Volvo Tour event will be automatically exempt for the next event in which the full field compete.



Triumph: Alison Streeter completes her twentieth crossing at Dover yesterday

Channel record for Streeter

By Craig Lord

By Patricia Davies

Scotland bank on Dundas

THE men's home interna- at Carnoustie last month. tionals start at Prestwick today and David Carrick, captain of Scotland, is looking forward to a successful week. "Everyone is playing well," he said, "and there is every possibility of us winning if everyone plays to their full capacity. It's undoubtedly the best team of the four I've been involved with."

Carnes Open and Afrod Durhal Cap quasilying May 6-9; Borson and Hedges International Open, 13-16; Peugeot Spanish Open; 20-23; Landa Martini Rosan Open, 28-31; Votro PGA champoratho, Wentworth, June; 3-8; Durhal British Masters, Woburn; 10-13; Carrolls Insh Open, 17-20; Jersey Europpan Airway; Open, La Moye, 24-27; Peugeot French Open, 30-Jul 3; Monte Carlo Open

It is the mantra all captains are inclined to chant before the off. But Carrick will need no reminding that the last time it was uttered by a Scottish captain prior to the internationals on home soil at Muirfield in 1987 - Scotland did not win a point.

In fact, the Scots have not won the Raymond Trophy since 1986. Of course, Scotland had not produced an Amateur champion since Reid Stephen Dundas won the title

Dundas will play top in four-somes and singles in today's opening encounter against Wales, who have never won this competition but had their chances last year, beating Scotland and halving with Ireland, the eventual winners, before falling to England.

Wales are buoyed by the fact that Bradley Dredge, who was hammered by Dundas in the final of the Amateur championship, nevertheless became the first Welsh player to be chosen to represent Great Britain and Ireland in the Eisenhower Trophy, the world amateur team championship. which is played in Vancouver next week. Dundas is first reserve and his next transatlantic venture will be to return

to his college in Texas. Ireland, attempting an unvictory, play England, who finished last in 1991. That is not a state of affairs that Peter McEvoy, a member of the side then, now a fledgling captain, wants repeated. McEvoy's memories of

Prestwick are rather mixed, however. He was last here for the Amateur championship in 1987, when he reached the final for the third time but lost to Paul Mayo. "I seem to remember that every time Paul missed a green, he got up and down," McEvoy said. He will not object to his team, which contains four

newcomers in Warren Bennett. Stuart Cage, Matt McGuire and Paul Streeter, doing the same. The course is in immaculate order and McEvoy was optimistic that England's golf would be similar. "The boys are playing well precedented third successive and ... The rest you know.

charity, which raises money have to contend with the ALISON Streeter yesterday claimed the "Queen of the Channel" title for Britain when she became the first

woman to complete 20 crossings of the English The 28-year-old foreign exchange dealer, who received an MBE after completing a 34-hour triple crossing two years ago, also became the first person to finish the swim seven times in one year. She had shared the "Queen" title with Cindy Nicholas, of Canada, who Edward and Mary Waller. Streeter, who swam her

completed her 19th crossing a decade ago. Yesterday's crossing, from the shore near Cap Griz Nez in France, took ten hours and 45 minutes to complete, in water temperatures of 60F,

and helped to raise several

thousand pounds for leukae-

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for holiday coaches for the disabled. Two hours after battling through torrential rain and an

spite the storm that passed

overhead. Streeter described

the conditions as "very good". Streeter considered herself

fortunate that she did not

had stood in her path on previous occasions. Her long-distance efforts have included circumferences electrical storm, Streeter, who found the going less choppy of the Isle of Wight, Jersey than her job on the trading floor at the Standard Charand Manhattan Island and tered Bank in the city of crossings from Capri to Na-London, was greeted on the ples and from Ireland to beach at Dover by a crowd of supporters, including the Scotland and back Nor will there be much rest town's mayor and mayoress,

for Streeter, from Nutfield, near Redhill in Surrey, before then. She spent much of yesterday answering calls first crossing in 1982, said: "Every swim is hard and you from well-wishers. wonder why on earth you do it. But it's great to finish the Mike Oram, who piloted Streeter's guide boat, said: "It twentieth swim and get the was a marvellous effort, the title back for Britain." De-

conditions were mostly good and Alison didn't even swear at me much, even when I made her swim along the coast at the end to meet the welcoming party."

shoals of jellyfish, lobster nets

and a cross-Channel ferry that

RUGBY UNION

Llanelli enterprise is rewarded by Welsh selectors

IN PREPARATION for the Welsh XV's match against Italy on October 7, for which no caps will be awarded, and the Welsh B team's match against the North of England a week later at Pontypool, a squad of 43 players was announced yesterday. Llanelli find that 14 of their team are included. Only a tighthead prop is missing. Swansea, the other front runners this season and last year's champions,

have ten. With Gareth Jenkins, the Llanelli coach, also installed as assistant to the national coach, Alan Davies, accusations of nepotism may well fill the air

the kind Ron Waldron, of Neath, had to suffer a couple of seasons ago. Such whingeing should not be giv-

en the time of day. This is a large squad and reflects Llanelli's extraordi-nary swashbuckling start to the season in which they have cut such an attractive dash in accumulating 176 points in their first three matches. Davies, no doubt, will wish to use last season as the basis for his first-choice team this year.

One of the unexpected beneficiaries of Llanelli's success is Lyn Jones, their speedy flank-er. He was last included in the Welsh squad when a player with Neath in 1986. Since then he has been discounted because of his stature which, mysteriously in Wales, is thought to be not quite big enough. He is consistently effective as an open side wing forward.

Neil Jenkins, Pontypridd's stand-off half, who has yet to play since his sending off in

last season's cup semi-final, is # included. His ban ends next Monday. On the other hand. Mike Griffiths, Cardiff's loosehead prop who was sent off in his first match of this season, is not included. His case was heard last night during which a video recording of the incident was used in mitigation. He will be considered for the squad if cleared. He could face

a 12-week suspension. There are 19 uncapped players and they include the swift elevation of Scott Quinnell who is in his first full season of senior rugby. He has already carved a name for himself as a powerful No. 8 in the schools and youth ranks. The occasional games for Lianelli last year confirmed his

He is, of course, the son of a famous father, Derek, for which mention the former Wales and Lions player, re-specting his son's desire to be his own man in the world, will not thank me. The team to play Italy will be

The team to play Italy will be announced next Tuesday. SOUAD: Full backs: A Clement (Swansea), M Rayer (Cerdiff), J Wesheood (Nesport), J Jones (Lanell). Three-quarters: I barns (Llenell), Strino Davies (Swansea), W Proctor (Llenell), M Hell (Cerdiff), R Bidgood (Newport), S (Bibs (Swansea), N Boobyer (Llenell), N Davies (Llenell), N Jentine Pontypodo), A Davies (Cardiff), Sorum halves: A Jones (Swansea), M Hell (Lenell), B Linnell, R Howley (Endgend), P John (Pontypodd), Props R Exers (Llenell), J Burkes (Swansea), N Wellems-Jones (SW Police), J Devices: G Jerdiff, Sowansea), N Medic (Pontypod), D Device (Nearli), L Mustoe (Pontypod), Polices: G Jerdiff, Swansea), N Medic (Pontypod), D Pox (Lanell), R McChyde (Swansea), Locks: A Copesy (Llenell), S (Gereth Llewell), Neath, P Kamulok (Cardiff), P Davies (Llenell), Blind-side fierkers: E Lewis (Llenell), Blind-side fierkers: E Lewis (Llenell), Blind-side fierkers: R Webster (Swansea), L Jones (Llenell), G George (Newport), D Byyart (Bridgend), No Bs: Stuart Device (Swansea), S Quinnell (Llenell).

Guscott denies snubbing* South African hooker

JEREMY Guscott, the Bath can only think he is trying to and England centre, yesterday denied claims by Uli Schmidt, the South African hooker, that he refused to speak to him during a recent World XV tour in New Zealand.

Schmidt said in South Africa that Guscott's behaviour was one of the reasons he had withdrawn from his country's tour to France and England this autumn.

Guscott said yesterday that it was "completely untrue" that he had ignored Schmidt during the tour to celebrate New Zealand's centenary. "I iust don't know what to think about Uli because I remember having a very long and friend-ly conversation with him. I weekend, missed Monday night.

stir it up for some reason. I got on well with all the South African squad members.

"He now says he doesn't like the Australians and their attitude, yet he spent so much time with Phil Kearns, the Aussie hooker, you would have thought they were brothers." leuan Evans, the Wales captain, is optimistic that he will be fit after hamstring trouble for Llanelli's Heineken League match against Swansea at Stradey Park on

Saturday, Evans, who scored three of the 11 tries in Lianelli's 79-10 trouncing of Newport last weekend, missed training on

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SPORT FOR THE

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Question

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By Alix Ramsay

BRITAIN'S participation in

the Paralympic Games for people with learning difficul-

weekend, did not go accord-

Madrid secure in the know-

ledge that Britain is a relative-

ly enlightened country in terms of facilities for the

mentally handicapped and

had expected to win a host of

medals. They came back with

but a handful, though they

regularly beat their personal

bests, in some cases by up to

Kenny Colaine from Wem-

bley was voted the athlete of

the Games for both his sport-

ing achievement and his over-all attitude and personality.

Colaine, 22, was on the

borderline for inclusion in the

Games, Although classed as

having learning difficulties, in

sporting terms he is a gifted

athlete. He won gold in the

100 metres and 200 metres

and silver in the 4 x 100

metres relay.

Colaine's time of 11 seconds in the 100 metres would easily

have won most sprint races in

the Barcelona Paralympics

With his natural talent and

professional training early in his career his times could be

closer to those of able-bodied

athletes all of which begs the

question why does he compete

If the Games had been

designed as a proving ground for the organisers (INASFMH) to gain accep-tance into the main

Paralympic Games in Atlanta

in 1996, the event only emphasised the problems —

both technical and ethical —

the mentally handicapped

have in integrating with the

Paralympic Committee, which will decide in December

whether the mentally handi-

capped will have a place in the main Paralympics in Atlanta, is keen to present its physically disabled sportsmen as true

athletes, men and women who

follow professional training

programmes and frequently

compete with the able-bodied

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Prodigal's return in Olympic Stadium

Gascoigne's chance to convince both his club and country

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

AFTER one year, four months, two weeks, four days and five hours, Paul Gascoigne's impatient wait is about to end. Tonight, for the first time since he inflicted an horrendous injury to his right knee in the 1991 FA Cup final, he is to return to compet-

The fixture here between Lazio and Tottenham Hotspur may be only friendly, a part of the deal which took him from England to Italy for £5.5 million. Yet it represents the first step, however tentatively he may take it, back into a playground where he was once the most ingenious of performers. The setting, the Dlympic Stadium here where the final of the 1990 World Cup was held, is suitably grand. The temperature will be conveniently warm and so should be the reception he receives from Lazio's adoring foilowers and his former club colleagues.

The occasion has been staged as comfortably as it could. Given the nature of his injury (which was later exacerbated by an incident in a Newcastle night dub) and the

bution, no matter how spectacular, must be viewed against a comparatively undervalued background.

It will be assessed carefully, though, by two observers in particular. One is Dino Zoff, Lazio's manager. He is to decide whether Gascoigne is genuinely ready to open his career in the Italian League against Genoa on Sunday, a prospect so unrealistic that it can be virtually dismissed.

The other is Lawrie McMenemy, Graham Taylor's assistant, who has been sent here to judge whether Gascoigne might be genuinely ready to resume his international career in England's first World Cup qualifying tie against Norway at Wembley next month. That target too. would appear premature.

On yesterday's evidence, he promises to be no more than a decorative figure against a Tottenham side already certain to be lacking Austin, Durie, Gray, Howells, Nayim, Samways and Van den Hauwe During a gentle train-ing session. Gascoigne took an active but noticeably limited part. He is able to run without a limp but his ability to twist and turn, the principle hall-

Uefa rule over-ridden

PAUL Gascoigne's comehack this evening will be shown live on BSkyB after a High Court victory for the satellite company yesterday. The decision, which over-rides Uefa's rule 14 governing live television coverage, could have far-

First the Football Association, and then the Welsh, Irish and Scottish FAs, at-

on the grounds that it competed with a scheduled list of domestic fixtures. Under the Uefa rule, the

agreement of the associations organising the fixtures not being screened should be sought but BSkyB's claim that the FA's action was "an unlawful inducement to break the contract we had with Tottenham to broadcast the match live" won the day.

mark of his talent, was equally unobtrusive. Was he merely disguising the deficiency or is he, for the rooment at least, incapable of drifting past opponents. Zoff, McMenemy, thou-

sands of Lazio supporters and perhaps even the rehabilitated patient himself are about to find out. Gascoigne has lost none of his exuberance and he insists that his 494th day in the wilderness will be his last there. "I feel ready." he said. "all I need now is games. I'm excited and really looking forward to it.

'It will be a relief to wake up in the morning and be preparing not just for training but for a match. It will be a good test and I want Tottenham to give their all. I'm sure that they

Nor does he intend to coast through the evening, even though yesterday's less-thanstrenuous exercise seemed to tax his impaired powers of endurance. "I want to do everything I did a year-and-a-half ago," he said. "I've never taken it easy."

Zoff, Italy's most capped

goalkeeper, was naturally more guarded. The physical contact is not the problem," be ressed. "Gascoigne's fitness is. He is a very important player for me so I hope that he is in good condition. If he is, he will play the whole match." The danger is that Gas-

coigne, who could not resist interupting the interview to kick playfully with his right foot at the passing car of a Lazio colleague, will be too enthusiastic to pace himself. The new celebrated Roman candle may tonight be extinguished before he, his manager, McMenemy and all of Lazio's and England's sup-porters would wish.



Famous five: Virginia Wade, right, with the team that won the Cup 4-3 for Britain, for the last time, at the Albert Hall in 1978. From left: Ann Hobbs, Sue Mappin, Michele Tyler and Sue Barker

End of the road for Wightman Cup

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

ATTEMPTS to revive the Wightman Cup, the grand old dame of women's tennis tournaments, have officially been ended, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) confirmed yesterday. Since the cancellation of the 1990 tie, the LTA has been negotiating with the United States Tennis Associ-ation (USTA) for the traditional meeting between teams from Britain and the United States, which had become a meaningless slaughter in recent years, to be replaced by a Ryder Cup style event between Europe and the United

Despite optimistic noises from officials, there was little room in the calendar for Pam Shriver in the final match for a 4-3 victory. Four another event and little enthusiasm among players or spon-sors. The change in the format of the 1995 Federayears earlier, the British team, including Wade, Barker and Glynis Coles, had won 6-1. tion Cup. from a 32-nation Otherwise, the history of the competition in one venue to Cup, donated by Mrs George home and away ties in a world group, similar to the Davis Cup, finally closed the door on Wightman, formerly Hazel Hotchkiss, four times United States champion, has been dominated by the United

> Britain did not win once between 1937 and 1951 and the gap in standards has widened even further over the past decade. Four of the last five matches ended in a whitewash for Britain. The final tie, in Williamsburg, Virginia, in September, 1990,

appearance of Jennifer Capriati, who marked her senior debut at the age of 13 with a 6-0, 6-0 defeat of Clare After that, the USTA rightly

was notable only for the

decided there was no point in continuing the no-contest and the Wightman Cup was "tem-porarily suspended". Now, sadly but inevitably, it has been abandoned.

☐ Delhi: Ramesh Krishnan has recovered from a back injury and will play for India against Great Britain in the Cup world group match which starts here on

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly tries tactic of

GREAT Britain's 19-man squad for the World Cup final against Australia next month will not be announced until 11 days before the event, Malcolm Reilly, the coach, said yesterday. In so doing, Reilly has discarded the idea of lengthy preparations in favour

The lessons of the recent 2-1

With these in mind, Reilly's thoughts in the one-off match

Paul Moriarty, another immense forward at Widnes. As the Australians plainly do not like having to retreat and turn, a kicking game is imperative, and a recall for Jonathan Davies perhaps more so now. Otherwise, Reilly will main-

ly call on the experience of the players on the summer tour. with Garry Schofield likely to remain as captain in preference to Ellery Hanley, who has a hamstring strain and is on a six-man casualty list, including Martin Offiah and Gary Connolly. All three, however, are hopeful of early returns. By contrast, Australia have

decided on a long preparation but were significantly weakened yesterday by the loss of Laurie Daley after he failed a fitness test on ruptured knee ligaments.

SPORTS POLITICS

Dole requests of competitors are turned down THE government is to contin-

ue to refuse paying unemployment benefit to competitors who are on the dole while they are representing Britain abroad John Goodbody writes).

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Despite the furore over the suspension of £93 in benefit for Simon Terry, winner of two archery bronze medals at the Olympic Games, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that the estimated 30 per cent of the 392-strong Olympic team who claim unemployment benefit when they are in Britain do not satisfy the criteria for exceptional circumstances.

Alistair Burt, the Social Security Minister, has written to Tom Pendry, the Shadow Minister for Sport, reiterating the government's stance. Pendry described the letter as a "kick in the teeth" and an "insult".

He is now urging David Mellor, the national heritage secretary, to use his Cabinet status to "fight his corner for sport" and overturn the

decision.

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Smith seeks an early impact

BOXING

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

both Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn appear at Elland Road tonight. Henry Wharton, the Commonwealth super-middleweight champion from York, meets the British champion, Fidel Castro Smith, of Sheffield, while Herol Graham, also from Sheffield, defends his British middleweight title against Frank

While Mickey Duff, the London promoter, is not expecting anything like a foot-ball crowd at Leeds United's home ground, he believes 9,000 people will be there to see whether the three can live up to their claims. It should be good night's boxing. The Sheffield men have the skills. their opponents the knockout punches.

Even though the two contests are joint top of the bill and Graham, aged 33, is the senior champion, having won

MARTIN Brundle was yester-

day no nearer joining the

Williams team as a replace-

ment for Nigel Mansell than

he was a week ago. "We are

still not in discussions," he

said on the eve of his depar-

ture for the Portuguese Grand

Prix, where he will be racing

Damon Hill, the other Brit-

ish driver tipped for a seat at

Williams, has put his case to

Williams and Patrick Head,

the technical director - "but

they will take some convincing," said the son of Graham .

Brundle telephoned Wil-

liams to find out what was

going on. "I keep reading in

the press that I am on the

verge of a Williams contract."

he said. "So I phoned Frank

and he assured me that I was

Brundle is more likely to

take the number two position

beside either Prost or Senna.

He has much greater racing

experience than Hill and is a

world champion in his own

right. But it seems that Al

Unser Jr is pushing hard for

the 'spare' seat, and unlike the

high on his list."

in a Benetton-Ford.

championship is the one the crowd will look forward to.

winner, On form, Smith has the edge with a clear win over Lou Gent while Wharton could only draw with Gent. Smith, 29, has not had so many hard contests as the Commonwealth champion and could be the fresher. It can also be argued that, as a result of the bout with Gent and two encounters with the tough Australian, Rod Carr, Wharton may be the better able to

stay the distance. On the surface, the likely outcome is an inside the distance win for the heavier puncher, Wharton, but the opposite is more likely. Smith's quick hands could overwhelm Wharton, who can be a slow starter, in the early rounds, or Wharton could win on points because Smith has a

MOTOR RACING

Williams tell Brundle

he is high on their list

By Norman Howell

tendency to fade.

British drivers, he might be

able to bring a substantial

amount of money to the team.

would warmly welcome

another American, thus en-

hancing the chances of stag-

ing a successful Formula One

But Brundle, Unser Jr and

As Ayrton Senna's chances

Hill believe that something

big is about to happen at

of driving for Williams next

year increase, Prost must be

getting more upset as the

contract he signed in February

seems to be less meaningful. If

Senna does join Williams,

Prost will go to McLaren.

Williams has made enquiries

about how much it would cost

to release the Frenchman

from the many contractual

obligations he has with the

team. That is a firm pointer to

Thynne, the commercial di-

rector at Williams, amounts to

a vote of no confidence and

only the arrival of Senna

would appease the worried

The resignation of Sheridan

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The powers in Formula One

THREE Yorkshire boxers every title but a world crown in Graham should be too devbeaten by lesser men than the champion. But after the onemunch knockout suffered by It is difficult to pick the Graham when he met Julian Jackson, of the United States, in Spain in 1990, one cannot be sure of anything. Grant has a punch -

calls him "the Julian Jackson of Britain" - and, under his new manager, Phil Martin, he may have found the resolve to stay with Graham long enough to catch him off guard. If that happens, Graham's career will be over. Either way, the bout should tell us how much Graham has left to give and whether he will remain the best middleweight never to have won a title. Nicky Piper's World Box-

ing Council international super-middleweight title chall-enge, scheduled for Cardiff today, has been called off because Hunter Clay, from Nigeria, failed to arrive.

Weber first Win for Giants American football: The New York Giants scored their first

SPORT IN BRIEF

to Wall but still trailing Erwin Weber, a German driv-

ing a Mitsubishi, was first to reach the Great Wall of China in yesterday's 17th stage of the Paris-Peking rally but his Citroen rival, Pierre Lartique, held on to an overall lead of Ihr 18min. In the motorcycle class,

Stephane Peterhansel, from France, leads on a Yamaha. The event ends on Sunday. The French Lancia driver, Didier Auriol, won the Austra-

lian rally at Perth after leading from the second of its 35 special stages.

Same again Cricket: New Zealand's sec-

ond Test against Zimbabwe in Harare in November will take a break in the middle to allow the two to play a one-day inter-national. This is believed to be the first time a five-day Test has been similarly interrupted.

victory of the season when they beat the Chicago Bears 27-14 on Monday night. They had co and Dallas. Long shot

the quaint ritual of humilia-

tion, which began with a 7-0

victory for the Americans in

1923 and ended in a similar

In between, the British

managed to win ten of the 61

ing at the Albert Hall in 1978

when Virginia Wade and Sue

Barker beat Chris Evert and

ties, the last amid great rejoic

scoreline 66 years later.

Olympic Games: A campaign

to stage the 2002 Winter Olympics in Wellington, New Zealand, was launched by a private group yesterday. The choice will be made in 1995.

Fistic rarity Boxing: A solid silver champ-

ionship belt from the bareknuckle days was unveiled at the official opening yesterday of Jack Petersen House, the Board of Control's headquarters in London.

Jones in form Bowis: Nicky Jones, of

Bournemouth, who won the EBA fours championship three weeks ago, advanced yesterday to the last 16 of the Woolwich Worthing open tournanment fours.

TOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION SHIP: Group two: Potend 3, Turkey 0. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Cardiff 1, Bournemouth 2.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Bernel 5, Brentlord 2.

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, limb lext Totlenham Hotspur 3, Brendland 1. PREMIER LEAGUE: Nothingham Forest 1. Covernry City 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Drinkwhe Cup: First round, second leg: Kddermanster 4, Stelybridge 2 (fGddermin-ster win 5-3 on aggregate)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First dist-sion: Lebester City 1, Blackburn 2, Rotherhern 2, Manchester United 3 Sec-ond division: Blackpool 1, Middlesbrough

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 1, Oxford 2; Milwell 1, Swindon 0. DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: First round: Bognor Regte 1, Metropolitari Potce 3: Croydon 3, Carahabon Alhisac 3; Ruisto Manor 3, Heybridge Switte 0; Stevenage Borough 1, Billericay 2.

FA CUP: First qualitying round, replay: Continen 0, Margate 4. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Cuzzon Astron 3, Lancaster City 0; Rossendale 2, Warrington 7 AMERICAN POOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Gents 27, Chicago Bears 14. BADMINTON

WORLD GRAND PROX RANGINGS: Merc 1, A Wiranata (Indo), 1,090pts, 2, T Stuer-Lauridson (Den), 835, 3, Wu Wenkei (China), 775, 4, P-E Hoyer-Lassen (Den), 890; 5, J Supmanto (Indo), 680; 6, F Permadi (Indo), 845; 7, L.Jun (Chi, 840; 8, H Susanto (Indo), 825; 9, K-H Kyun S Kon, 585; 10, H Sdek (Mal), 525 Women: 1 Ve Zhaoyang (China), 990; 2, Tang Jufnong (China), 540; 3, S Kusumawardhari (Indo), 745, 4, Hueng Hue (China), 730; 5, L-H Soon (S Kor), 645, 6, C Magnusson (Swe), 800; 7, Y Samoso (Indo), 570; 8, L Xisooing (Swe), 555; aqual 9, 8-S Hyun (S Kor) and Y Kartha (Indo), 540

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Priexisiphe Philles. 9, Montreal Expos 2: Priext-urph Pirales 3, St. Louis Cerdinals of Chicago Cube 10, New York Mets 1; San Pranyoso Glants 7. Sew Diago Padres 1; Alfanta Breves 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Delroit Tigero B, AMERICAN LEAGUE: Delroit Tigero B, Basson Rud Sox S (10 manga): Bestimma Onoles 4, Manualeo Brevers 1: Celdend Africace B, Choago Whate Sox S: Kanses Caly Royals 3, Soatile Menhass 0.

BOWLS BROADSTARRS: Open tournement: Sin-gles finals: Men: 9 Ferwick (Broadstars) bl. D Stewart (Harrow), 21-19, Women: J Stem (Purner) bl. 8 Ansell (Plannagate), 21-8.

WORTHRING: Woolwich Open tournit-ment: Pours: Third round: M Garnet: Pit A Knapp, 22-16: M Spreadbury bit G Powel, 29-6. A Tichy bt G Osborne, 17-13: N Jones bt S Tuchy, 19-15: S Burnts bit R Jewel, 25-13, J West bit R Short, 21-20: D Paterson bt D Smith, 19-18: C Fry bt P Line, 18-11; N Hazziel by P Beard, 24-15: W Hayward bt G Altord, 20-17; Jr. Smith bt J Normen, 25-10; B Evens bt F Derbyshles, 23-11; B Carles br T Barlon, 21-19: P Lundy bt D Lawrence, 21-18: G Hide bt J Brady, 20-13, P Casmell bt N Parrington, 18-14. MORTHRIG: Woolwich Open tourns ment: Fours: Third round: M Gerrets by

STONE POGES: Toro Clarke Pulter; 1, M Wheeler, 76 pts, 2, D Etherington, 75; 3, S Jones, 74; 4, PLush, 73; 5, T Clarke, 73; 6, P Nelson, 72; 7, E Jones, 70; 8, D Daves, 66 Tearr, J Burton, E Jones, G Fry, 197. DELAMERE FOREST: Gotf fluoridation inchools championship: Oualitying round: 245: Bebington FS, Wirat (S Done 81, R Bywater 84, P Williams 80) 247: Calday Grange 65, Wanat 250: Aleinicham Boye GS Individual: N Palvan (Ale

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTIT: Australius Rully: Fourth day (aller 35 stages). 1, D Aunol (F1), Larrea Integrale, 5rr 13mm 12sec; 2, J Karkianan (Fin), Lanca Integrale, 5:14.53, 3, C Sanz (Sp.), Toyoto Celica, 5:15.16; 4, J Recelote (Arg), Lanca Integrale, 5:32.05; 5, R Durharton (Aus), Misubsity Galant, 5:36:15, Woold championship: 1, Aunol. 120ps; 2, Sanze, 104, 3, Kankiarnen, 92; 4, M Beaston (II), 42; 5, M Alen (Fin), 40; 6, F Deleccur (Fn, 33.

PARIS-BELINNS RALLY: 17th stage: E Weber (Ger), Masubari, 2hr 19min 28sec; 2, B Saby (Fr), Misubari, at 14sec; 3, P Largue Pr), Caroen, at 3min 47sec; 4, B Maidegaard (Swe), Curoen, at 6.51; 5, M Aunol (Fr), Chroen, at 14.38; 6, K Shinculia, Jepent, at 18-45 Overalt 1, Larigue, 28.11.20; 2, Weber, at 1hr 18min; 3, Saby, at 1hr 38min 20sec; 4, Shinculia, at 2:04-50, 5, Auriol, at 4-40-44.

RUGBY UNION

JOHANNESBURIG: World Open champ-ioneign: First round: T Hands (Eng) bit M Maclean (Scot), 15-13, 15-11, 15-10; S Elogust (Fin) bit F Nam (HIQ, 13-15, 15-11, 15-6, 17-15, C Wesler (Eng) bit D Ryen (res, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12; R Eyles (Aus) bit 3 Williams (Aus), 15-13, 15-10, 14-17, 15-11; G Waste (Can) bit B Beeson (Eng), 10-15, 17-15, 15-7, 15-8.

ATP WORLD RANGHOS: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,577pb; 2, J Courser (US), 3,574, 3, P Sampras (US), 3,442; 4, M Chang (US), 2,447, 5, G hensew. (Co), 2,103, 6, A Agess (US), 2,067, 7, P Kords (Cd), 2,065; 8, B Becker (Gar), 1,944, 9, I Lendi (US), 1,867; 10, W Ferreira (SA), 1,806. Money witnesser, 1, Courser, 51,550,045; 2, Edberg, \$1,367,029; 3, Sempeas, \$1,131,372; 4, Agessi, \$1,000,694, 5, Kords, 5793,623, 6, Chang, 5754,697, 7, harnsavic, \$708,371; 9, M Sach (Gar), \$828,976; 9, E Sanchez (Sp), \$596,588, 10, Femerar (SA), \$265,560 TOKYO; Woman's hoursament: First (sp., see, see, in, Pastate (sw. see) see TONYO: Women's tournament First round: R Hirshi (Jupen) bit D Faber (US), 6-4, 6-1, N Sawamatou (Japan) bit N Miyagi Jupeni, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, M Werdel (US) bit A Fazzier (US), 6-1, 8-4; Wang SH-Hing (Tel) bit D Gruhern (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; K Po (US) bit N Rudowels (Japan), 6-2, 6-1; A Grossman (US) bit A Supreme (Japan), 6-3, 6-1; J

Carruth stays

Michael Carruth, Ireland's gold-medal winning boxer. said yesterday that he would not seek a professional career.

last-minute selection

shudder in Australia, and

of the sharp shock principle.

series defeat by Australia reinforce the need to provide additional bulk and power in the pack. A 33-10 victory on a wet June evening in Melbourne also provided the necessary encouragement to pursue a traditionally expansive, if sometimes high-risk.

at Wembley, on October 24. would do well to turn to Kevin Ward at St Helens, a veteran still capable of inducing a

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated Coca-Cola Cup Second round, first lea

(all licket, 7 45) QPR v Grimsby (7.45) ... Rotherham v Everton

(all ticket)..... Torquay v Swindon... Websell v Chelesa (all ticket, 7,45) West Ham v Crewe (7.45)

Celtic v Aberdeen (et Hampden Park).

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Exelar v Bristol Rovars (7.0), Swansea v
Cheltenham, Yeovil v Plymouth (7.45),
DWDORA LEAGUE CUP: First round;
Horsham v Staines, Molesey v Bishops
Stortford.

Stortford.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE First division: Bacup Borough v Blackpool Rovers: Blackpool
Machanics v Bamber Bridge; Bradford
Park. Avenue v Maine Road (Man):
Chaddenon v Filston; Citheroe v
Danwer; Glossop North End v Salford
City. City.

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replay: Newcastle Blue Star v Chorley, Solithul Borough v Gamsborough Trinity, Colleyn Bey v Moor Green; Newport AFC v Weymouth

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Clevedon v Chippenham; Twenton v Esmouth. JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Histon v Tiptnee; Stowmarket v Wrochem.

RUGBY LEAGUE GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP: Leigh v Oldham (7:30); Salford v Workington (7:30) DOHN SMITHS YORKSHIRE CUP: Bradford v Sheffield (7 30); Featherstone v Huddersfield (7 30); Hull v Leeds (8.0); Wakafield v Keephley (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich open tournament (Worthing) (worming)

BOXING: Elland Road, Leeds:
Commonwealth and British supermiddleweight titls: Henry Wharton (York)

Fidel Castro Smith (Sheffield) British
middleweight titls: Henol Graham (Sheffield) v Frank Granx (Bradford) GOLF: Men's home internationals (Prestwick). SNOOKER: Regal Scottish Mesters SPEEDWAY: Hometine Langue: Prox division: Cradiey Heath v Wolver-hampton (7.45)

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Sevilla clear way for £4.5m Maradona move

DIEGO Maradona's rehabilitation is all but complete. Eighteen months after his career seemed about to freefall into oblivion and retirement after a series of drug-related scandals, the Argentinian is set to return to the game in the Spanish city of Seville.

The comeback path was finally cleared yesterday when Napoli, the Italian club, agreed to sell the player who had led them to their two league championships to Sevi-lla for £4.5 million. After weeks of protracted, often turbulent, negotiations, the clubs reached a settlement during a five-hour meeting at the headquarters of Fifa, the game's world governing body, in Zurich.

Already, Maradona's debut has been pencilled in for next Monday in a pre-arranged friendly with Bayern Munich - although the Germans have yet to confirm they will fulfil the fixture. It will be the first game he has played since a 15-month suspension was imposed by Fifa after traces of cocaine were discovered in a drug test. Indeed, he is still undergoing treatment for his

Predictably. Maradona was in emotional mood as news of the deal was confirmed: "My happiness is complete," he said at his hotel in Seville. "I am free to play football and my family is here. It is a great joy. I am coming back with new colleagues in a new country and in a city where I treated

As ever with Maradona, negotiations were anything but straightforward. Napoli had said, from the outset, that were not prepared to part with him despite Maradona's chequered history with the club. He, in turn, refused to return to Naples. When pressed to honour the remainThe brilliant but controversial Argentinian

is ready to add another chapter to his

remarkable story, Peter Robinson reports

a string of conditions that he knew the club would reject. Under normal circum-

stances, that might have resulted in an impasse, but Maradona had a powerful ally - Fifa. Overseeing a sport that has, of late, looked short of colourful personalities and with a World Cup finals to sell in the United States in two years' time, the game's governers have been increas-ingly active in support of Maradona, Last night, Alfio Basile, the Argentina manager, promised Maradona would return to the international scene at the first chance.

Nevertheless, the talks appeared to have broken down several times within the last rejected Sevilla's offer of £2.5 million and a truculent Maradona threatened to retire from the game altogether. Fifa then intervened, decisively, once more. Several conditions have

been attached. Maradona has agreed not to play in Italy for the next two years while the fee — involving an initial £2 million payment followed by four six-monthly instalments will cover his outstanding debts in Italy. Sepp Blatter, Fifa's general secretary, said the international body expects him to "stop making insulting comments against football leaders — club, federation and

Spain for the second time. He a rehabilitation programme was the world's most expensive footballer when he joined Barcelona from Boca Juniors for £3 million in 1982, but high hopes faded as he suf-fered a bout of hepatitis, had his leg broken in an infamous tackle by the Athletic Bilbao defender, Andoni Goicochea, and was involved in a fight have, I can play a good game for 45 minutes and if the

with Bilbao players in the Spanish cup final.

His spell in Napoli, after a record £5 million move in 1984, was much happier initially, at least. He led the club to league titles in 1987 and 1990 plus the Uefa Cup in 1989. But, under increasing pressure in Italy, the strain began to tell. He failed a drugs test in March last year and was investigated by police looking into a Naples based drugs and prostitution ring. A month later, in Buenos Aires, he was arrested for another Maradona's cocaine offence and ordered by the country's courts to begin

Now, apparently recovered. Sevilla would seem to offer the ideal stage for his return. Managed by his friend Carlos Bilardo, the former manager of Argentina, the club is free of the pressures of Napoli and Barcelona. Yesterday, looking as fit as he has done for a long time, he pleaded for patience. With the eagerness that I

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sails," he said.

people in Seville are with me,

that's what will put wind in my

DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA Born: Buenos Aires, October 30, 1960



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Point to make: Maradona in buoyant mood yesterday

Underwood in

reckoning for

England again

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

for an intensive fast-jet cross-

over course at Chivenor, About a month ago, after a summer

without rugby, I started to re-

great things in recent years,

achievements of which I am intensely proud. Playing for

one's country is the greatest honour in the game." Clearly

that honour drew Underwood

back though not before he had

discussed the situation with

his wife, Wendy, and his immediate superiors in the

RAF; their willingness to ac-

commodate his request for a

deferment was a major factor.

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said: "I am

delighted because I think he is

at the peak of his powers. He

still has a major part to play for England and, if he wants it,

the Lions." Underwood is

likely to join the national,

training squad this weekend

though he will not be available

for next month's international

dous challenges ahead," Un-derwood said. "No side has

ever won three consecutive

Grand Slams and a Lions

party has not toured New

Zealand successfully since 1971." The only definite ab-

sentee from last season's Grand Slam XV is now Simon

Hailiday but one of the ironies

of Underwood's return is that

his younger brother. Tony, will have to work even harder

to win his first cap; he, too, is a

England have added Simon Hodgkinson, the 1991 Grand Slam full back, and Alan

Buzza to this weekend's train-

ing squad. The addition of the

two full backs from Notting-

ham and Wasps respectively

comes after the injury to David.

Pears (Harlequins) sustained

last weekend.

There are some tremen-

with Canada.

assess the situation.

RORY Underwood, En-

gland's most capped player, is back in the international reck-

oning. Last night he released a statement offering himself once more for selection for his

country and for the British Isles tour to New Zealand next

The Leicester wing has been

able to reverse his earlier decision, made last March,

after the Royal Air Force, in

which he is a flight lieutenant, agreed to the deferment of his

planned fast-jet course at Chivenor in November. Even

so, it will come as an agreeable

surprise to England's selectors

and to his many supporters

who were dismayed to see him

Ironically Underwood's de-

cision coincides with the re-

lease of his autobiography in

which he explains the reasons

for his desire to quit the

international scene after eight

years and 55 caps - and more

tries, 35, than any other player

has scored for England. Un-

derwood is the third-highest try-scorer in the world, after David Campese and Serge Blanco and could certainly

overtake the French full back.

now retired, who is only three

had been growing increasing-ly tired of the travelling, train-

ing, and time away from my

wife and family (he has two young daughters)," Under-wood said. "It had been a very

hard two years, starting with

the Lions tour of Australia and including England's tour of Australia and Fiji, two Grand

"I still loved playing, but

Other aspects of the game were

becoming a chore. Having

decided to step down from

international rugby I applied.

and was subsequently selected,

Siams and a World Cup.

Throughout last season I

tries ahead of him.

contention at the age of 28.

Former manager wants new offside law

Nicholson issues fierce criticism of modern game

By Louise Taylor

important in the game, but

"I want to see something

happening in the game, some-

thing that helps the players

and spectators to enjoy it. But

how can it happen when

players are congested in seven-and-a-half yards either side of

the halfway line? In that

situation, time and space is

field University will markAlan

Shearer, the England for-ward, in only his fourth full

game.

Barnet players are to seek a

meeting with the Professional

Footballers' Association after

Duncan Horton, their cap-

tain, and Kenny Lowe were

transfer listed and fined two

weeks wages by Stan

Flashman, the club chairman.

for comments in a Sunday

newspaper. Flashman has

told the manager. Barry Fry. that neither player is available

for future matches.

with what I saw.

BILL Nicholson yesterday turned a prize-giving lunch intended to serve as a public relations exercise for football into the launch pad for a stinging attack on the modern

Nicholson, who managed the Tottenham Hoisour team that won the League and FA Cup double in 1961, was in London to accept a Bardays Bank "good news" award Sportsors of Football League, on behalf of Terry Venables, Tottenham's

Barciays officials, who were expecting a "good news" speech, winced visibly as Nicholson said: "I can't understand how people can pay excessive amounts to watch football the way it is played today. I tight and If you miscalculate it

AS SCHOOLBOYS, Ian Ross

and Kenny Dalglish kicked

footballs around the back-

streets of Glasgow together. Tonight, their friendship will

be temporarily set aside as Ross's Huddersfield Town

take on Dalglish's Blackburn

Rovers in the Coca-Cola Cup.

The second round, first leg, tie at Leeds Road should offer

a relief for Huddersfield, who

are struggling at the foot of the

Jon Dyson, a part-time Huddersfield centre half and

full-time student at Hudders-

second division.

watched Tottenham play you haven't got the ball any Brentford on Monday night

and I was very disappointed the introduction of a change in "In my day, it was all about players finding space, but now I see that a lot of the principles the offside law to open up the game. He believed two white lines should be drawn across we used to follow simply don't apply any more. Finding space used to mean finding the width of the pitch, one in each half 15 yards from the time to play because time is

"Inside those 30 yards, we should say you can't be off-side," he said. "I believe the better for it." Ironically. Venables is a leading exponent of the offside game, which has been a feature of his teams over the years.

Nicholson finished by apologising to the gathering for introducing a sour note at a ceremony to hand out awards to football people who create

good news" in the game.
Although Tottenham's football proved a disappointment last season, Venables gained the award because he had, in the words of Barclays, "eliminated most of Tottenham's

daunting debts".

Other winners of the Bardays awardswere Danny Bergara, the Stockport County manager, Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, Lee Chapman, the Leeds Unlted forward, and Carlton Palmer, the Sheffield Wednesday and England midfield

Barely had Barclays officials had time to recover from listening to Nicholson than Gordon Taylor walked into the room and immediately set about endorsing almost every thing the former Tottenham manager had said.

Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, expressed con-cern that football is now a game for "power athletes" as opposed to skilled individuals. Because of the pace, the power and its physical nature, football is becoming more of a direct, percentage game. But that sort of football has never succeeded at the highest international level," he said.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GOOD news may be in short

supply for Graham Taylor at

the moment, but the England

manager can draw heart from

the problems that have al-

ready beset Holland's World

Cup qualifying campaign.

The Dutch. England's great-

est rivals for one of the two

qualifying berths from group

two, are curiously short of

confidence before tonight's

meeting with Norway in Oslo.

Normally, the Norwegians would hold few fears for the

Dutch. Holland are one of the

strongest sides in the world

and fresh from an agonisingly

narrow defeat by Denmark in

the European championship,

while their hosts are tradition-

ally one of football's minnows.

Norway pose a formidable

threat, still bubbling after a

On this occasion, however,



Blanc: being sought by Nottingham Forest to strengthen their porous defence

Marker signs for Blackburn

By LOUISE TAYLOR

KENNY Dalglish yesterday completed the signing of Nicky Marker, a central defender or midfield player, from Plymouth Argyle. The Devonian, 27, will cost Blackburn Rovers £250,000, with Craig Skinner and Keith Hill,

two Rovers reserves, joining Plymouth. It was a relatively modest deal for Dalglish, who was disappointed when Craig Short opted to join Derby County rather than Blackburn for £2.5 million last week.

Brian Clough's search for a replacement for Des Walker,

the former Nottingham Forest defender who joined Sampdoria during the summer, could end in Italy today. The Forest manager was yesterday poised to sign Lau-rent Blanc, the French inter-national defender, from

Napoli. Blanc, who played for France in the European championship this summer, has been unable to command a first team place at Napoli.

Ron Fenton, Clough's assistant, said: "We have got to be interested when a player of his calibre becomes available. We would like the possibility of

Dutch wary before Norwegian visit

having Blanc on loan initially, as Leeds United did when they first signed Eric Cantona.* Forest, who drew I-1 with Coventry on Monday night, have conceded 19 goals in seven games since their 1-0 win over Liverpool on the opening day of the season. That has left them bottom of the Premier League, but Clough dismissed reports that he was about to part company

with Forest as "ridiculous". Chelsea are showing an interest in buying Vince Bar-

A late berth becomes available for locum

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AN URGENT call went up for a doctor at Ocean Village yesterday after Andrew O'Connor, the Irish medic who was due to have been aboard the British Steel Challenge yacht. Nuclear Electric, was forced to withdraw from the round the world race just four days before the start.

O'Connor was in Texas last night nursing his wife after she had been taken ill. He must miss the first stage of the race from Southampton to Rio de Janeiro.

O'Connor, 47, who practises in the United States, had set his heart on sailing round the world and was one of Chay Blyth's first recruits when he threw down his challenge two

years ago.
Now O'Connor's only hope is that his wife's condition will improve sufficiently during the next six weeks to allow him to rejoin the yacht for the later stages of the race — around Cape Horn to Hobart, Cape Town and back to Sou-

thampton. His absence presents Blyth with a serious problem. He has a 350-strong list of men

and women who will readily

trade their eye-teeth, not to mention the £15,000 entry fee, for a place on one of the 10yachts, but none has any medical experience.

"We have a doctor or trained medic aboard each of the other yachts, so if there is an emergency on Nuclear Electric there will be plenty of advice available over the radio. But I would be much happier if we can get a doctor to step forward during the next three days to sail on this first leg at

least." Blyth said yesterday. Remarkably, O'Connor is one of only 27 of Blyth's recruits to have dropped out. Initially 184 signed up to race around the world two years

One broke his ankle a few weeks ago, another slipped a disc, and several others, including two Lloyds names. have been forced out by the recession. Only one has thrown in the towel because of

sea-sickness. The number of withdrawals might well have been 28 had David Arthur, a crewman aboard British Steel II, not made a good recovery from a

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Marino earlier this month. Holland, in contrast, have a squad already depleted by injuries, withdrawals and a striking lack of motivation.

record 10-0 trouncing of San

The loss of Hans van Breukelen, the goalkeeper, and Adri van Tiggelen, a defender, to injury was compounded by Rund Gullit's withdrawal from the squad for "personal reasons" last week. His future at AC Milan increasingly uncertain. Gullit felt he was unable to reach the standard required of him at international level.

Equally worrying for the Dutch coach, Dick Advocaat, is the general malaise that seems to have afflicted his He is clearly having prob-lems inspiring his players

who, in some cases, are uncon-

vinced that they will be in-

volved in the finals themselves

in the United States in 1994. The Norwegians have no serious injury problems and plan to field the same 11 that beat San Marino which means Gunnar Halle, the Oldham Athletic, will keep his

Also in group two. Poland have problems for the visit of Turkey. They will have only fourteen players to choose from after five withdrew from the squad this week -Lapinski and Adamczuk with injuries. Kozminski, of Udinese, and Wandzik and Warzycha, of Panathinaikos. because they have not been freed by their clubs. In addition, the remainder of the squad are planning to set up a Polish players' union because, they feel, they are getting little recognition from the Polish

football authorites. In group three, Spain travel to Latvia without their mid-

field player. Michel, who was injured in Real Madrid's 0-0 draw with Sporting Gijon at the weekend. Josep Guardiola of Barcelona is likely to replace him. Otherwise. Spain will rely on the players who defeated England 1-0 in Santander earlier this month. It will be their second match in the group, following a comfortable 3-0 home suc-

cess over Albania. Latvia, still looking for a first victory in the group, were beaten 4-0 in Dublin by the Republic of Ireland and 2-1 in Riga's Daugava Stadium by Lithuania. However, they have forced a 1-1 draw with the new European champions, Denmark

The Danes, meanwhile, play their second qualifying game against Lithuania, who have that victory against Latvia and a draw against Northem Ireland behind them.

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to the USA

WUMEN p5 Bad blood remains among the Salem witches



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 1992

All you need is luck and a lens

Linda McCartney's 1960s are revealed.

in portraits

and prose

inda Eastman, glossy magazine receptionist, decame an instant photographer in 1966 when she stole an invitation from her office to a Rolling Stones press trip up the Hudson river. While the other photographers were turned away. the mini-skirted strawberry blonde sailed on board. She may have forgotten to change the ASA to colour but her blurred black and white photographs meant that she was able to quit the office for ever.

Entering the super-cool world of rock journalism, Ms Eastman turned her back on her affluent, middle-class upbringing (although the story that she was an heiress, related to the film family Eastman Kodak, was untrue). She spent three years photographing 1960s idols before committing herself to legend by marrying Paul McCartney in 1969. Tomor-row Pyramid publish Sixties: Portrait Of An Era (£30). a photographic memoir by Linda McCartney (the definitive



John and Paul . . . they had the weight of the world on their shoulders

collection of rock 'n' roll pictures, her husband says).
"I wanted to record what

was there — every blemish, every bit of beauty. every emotion", she writes in the accompanying text. "It was an incredible time for all of us . . . We all knew something was happening but it hadn't been discovered yet."

Linda discovered it. She mothered The Doors "Jim Morrison was essentially a shy person. He never thought of himself as resembling the glamorous image that made him appear so confident. Maybe he felt deprived of real, meaningful love." She photographed his anguished face grimacing in the rain.

Then there is Keith Moon in lace cravat, B.B. King lost in his guitar Lucille (") photographed him so many times that it became like meeting the postman"), a gauche Jimi Hendrix sucking his glasses.

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The women of the generation remain insignificant. Janis Joplin slips through but gets a pretty rough, pock-ridden ride. "Janis and I became friends but we were never very close ... she was a pretty tough broad and I was a pretty sensitive broad ... I felt sorry for her."

And then there are the Beatles, the group that she loved right from the start and coyly photographed while still the demure girlfriend. She captured their last, painful moments together before she and Paul disappeared to their Scottish farm.

The photographs are particular to their era, rather than timeless. There are spindly white legs, peace signs and the endless pictures of dippy days with nature in the park. She never used flash, "too artificial", and technically she never matured much. But she

was always there. Perhaps more than all these photos there is Linda, and her words remind us what we might be glad to have missed in the 1960s: "I'm into nature and the seasons and blossoms and snowlakes and I'm not keen to follow the line that everyone else is following. I'm

ALICE THOMSON

Why sponsors help the arts

sponsorship now provides a vital, if contentious. lifeline to the arts. Here the two sides — the sponsor and the sponsored give their views: Waldemar Januszczak (below), of Channel 4, and **Piers Rodgers** (right), of the Royal Academy

Business

aving always loathed what one might call sponsorshipculture — the marquees full of smoked salmon and slimeballs, the free flow of the corporate champagne compared with the reluctant drip of the sponsorship money — having hated all these things, I obviously found myself in a seriously confused position when I set about persuading Channel 4 to sponsor the Tate Gailery's Turner Prize. After all, I had just spent

ten years as an art critic of The Guardian warning my readers to beware of sponsors. Indeed, one of my favourite targets was the Turner Prize itself, particularly than the start of the larly when the former Wall Street powerhouse, Drexel Burnham Lambert, took over its sponsorship - three years before the company filed for bankruptcy after pleading guilty to securities fraud and pay-

ing \$650 million in fines. Nevertheless, the demise of DBL quickly followed by the temporary demise of the Turner Prize came as a sad shock. Having reluctantly embraced the mad money-culture of the Eighties, the Tate Gallery had been let down badly by faireather friends. To my enormous surprise, I

found myself missing the Turner Prize: in particular, that sense you always had that modern art was coming out of the closet when Turner Prize time came around. The same afternoon I read the result of the DBL court case I wrote two notes, one to my new boss, Michael Grade, suggesting that if Channel 4 moved quickly we could become the new sponsors of the Turner Prize, and the other to the director of the Tate Gallery, Nicholas Serota, asking him to keep us informed of developments.

Channel 4 is a reluctant sponsor Television companies already spend enough money promoting the arts in their arts programmes without adding the external burden of sponsorship. Given how few people watch them, it could be argued that every single Late Show or South Bank Show is a generous act of sponsorship on the part of the TV company. Prior to the Turner Prize Channel 4 had stuck a nervous toe into the corporate crocodile-pond by supporting the work of Opera Factory. But the



Helping hand for modern art: Fiona Rae's oil painting Untitled (red. yellow and blue triptych) was shortlisted for last year's Turner Prize

policy was to spend on pro-grammes, not puffs and prizes.

Sponsors sponsor for a variety of reasons, none of them selfless: perhaps Drexel Burnham Lambert did it to enhance its reputation. others do it to bathe in reflected glory. In this age of sponsored television where Beamish brings you Morse and Powergen brings you the weather, being a TV company that sponsors allows you to experience at first hand the horrible behaviour of other wouldsponsors.

Although I suppose the quest for the right sort of corporate identity was a factor in Channel 4's decision to back the Turner Prize, the principal reason was to obtain two hours of quality arts television that would otherwise have disappeared.

One of the few healthy things about sponsorship is that it forces unlikely partners into bed with each other. Thin experimental dancers in leans have to think of something to say to fat middle-aged businessmen in suits. Company hustlers who could normally sell

sand in the Sahara find they cannot sell their brash poster campaign to the little old lady who runs the publicity for the Bingham Amateur Theatrical Society Easter Weekend.
Channel 4's relationship with the

Tate has been a little like that. We are clearly perceived to be corporate wide-boys who need to be watched in case we try to paint the outside of the building in our company colours and spray the figure 4 on the televised forehead of this year's Turner Prize winner. When we put the award up to £20,000 there was a whisper going around the Tate that this was a mistake: the prize isn't about money.

They stare suspiciously at us, we stare suspiciously at them, they try to think of ways of ensuring there will be fewer television monitors at the prize-giving ceremony on November 24 and we try to think of ways of doubling them. We are strange bedfellows, but I'd like to think each of us is teaching the other something they didn't know. ■ Waldemar Januszczak is Channel 4's commissioning editor for arts

and dining, planning events, agreeing budgets, arranging publicity, selling themselves, or simply sitting in the office (in the spors or ship department which every selfrespecting organisation now possesses) with a list of potential "victims", agonising over which of them-is likely to respond to the approach which is about to be made to them. Sponsorship is a fact of life for a place like the Royal Academy of

nybody who runs an artis-

tic institution these days

spends a large proportion of their time "dealing

with sponsors" — writing propos-

als, making presentations, wining

you close an empty one early.

The Academy has pioneered a

system of underwriting for its

exhibitions. The sponsor guaran-

tees to cover the net cost (after

taking the gate money and the catalogue sales into account) up to

an agreed maximum. The guaran-

tee is called upon only to the extent

that it is required. Some lucky

sponsors have not had to pay anything at all. Others pay the full

whack and many fall in between.

I have always liked the system of

guarantees, for two reasons. I

believe that the idea of taking a risk

(and possibly backing a winner) is one which appeals to the entrepre-

neurial spirit, and may have won us

some sponsorship we might not

otherwise have had. It also has a

happy effect on the relationship

between the sponsor and the Acad-

emy as we work together to

Whether a company's support

takes the form of a grant or a

guarantee, a partnership is forged

(in everything except the legal sense) and it is a straightforward

business partnership. We are not asking for charity from our spon-

sors, and at the end of the day we

will bill them "for services ren-

minimise that risk.

Arts. In the absence of any grant aid from the government, the Arts Council, Westminster or any other public purse, it has become quite simply a condition of survival. Without it we could mount none of the great exhibitions which draw a million people to Burlington House each year. Of course, there was a time

before sponsorship". In the Academy's case that was back in the mid-Seventies. How did we do without? Well, the cost of things was less; like most artistic productions, exhibitions are labour intensive and their cost has gone up far faster than inflation. We also have to meet much more exacting, and expensive, standards for the transport, handling and display of great works of art.

Putting on exhibitions is costly; it is also risky. The risk is almost entirely on the income side: the attendance at an exhibition is just as difficult to forecast as the success of a musical. In some ways the risk is greater: you cannot keep a successful exhibition on, nor can

vices are may vary considerably, but they range from the usual acknowledgements and other direct and indirect forms of publicity, to entertainment for sponsor's guests and clients, and privileges for their staff and readers treaders of The Times will have special opportunities to see the current exhibition of "The Sacred Art of Tibet"). The Eighties were a per-

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iod of growth in sponsorship, as they were in the economy, and ABSA (Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts) has played an important role, particu-larly in bringing new spon-sors to the table. The decade also saw an increasing professionalism among the sponsors and the sponsored, with fully-fledged sponsorship departments springing up on both sides, Alas, the Nincties present

a very different picture for an institution like the Royal Academy. Sponsorship budgets have been axed, or severely cut back, and that falls particularly hard on the high-profile, relatively expensive things.
In any case, there is a discernible tendency to-

wards the more modest, community-based, town - or at least geographically distinct - project, and away from the prestigious central London event with national appeal. Perhaps it is a symptom of the recession: there is

an understandable reluctance to be seen to be spending money in this way — even when fully justified in commercial and artistic terms while unemployment rises. For all that, sponsorship is cer-

tainly not on the way out, but the search for sponsors has become more arduous; it calls for a lot more research and that can lead the art institution into some unexpected areas. Who would have expected the co-sponsors (apart from The Times) of the Royal Academy's current Tibetan show to be an eyewear company (Silhouette Eyewear) which has just launched a "Tibet" range of spectacles (complete with prayer wheels) and a partnership of two Swedish propermen (Vistech International/-Redab (U.K.)) who care passionately about the ecological damage which has been done to the "Roof of the World"?

• Piers Rodgers is secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts

The shortlist for this year's ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards, in association with The Times, will be announced at the end of October, the awards are to be presented in December by the Prince of Wales.

The Times is co-sponsoring this year's ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards, the annual recognition for outstanding contribution to business sponsorship of the arts. The awards were started in 1978 by the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts to highlight the best examples of arts sponsorship. There are now ten categories, with over 400 nominations each year. Winners have included Royal Insurance (for its support of the Royal Shakespeare Company), Digital, the computer giant (which has won four awards), and Coombs and Son, a bakery which committed its Christmas advertising budget to sponsoring Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in Leicester. The Times is currently sponsoring the Civil War exhibition (in Worcester next week) and is co-sponsor of the Royal Academy's Tibet exhibition.

Times sponsors ABSA Awards

Mad, bad and dangerous to know

he bit that always stops me dead is where it says "Photo appreciated". Up to then I am fine, almost excited. I can even entertain the pathetic notion that I and some pinking

am being singled out personally.
"Intellectual Andre Agassi
lookalike with steady job" (it says)
"seeks lonely cal-fixated Teddywoman for evenings of mutual squeaks. Extensive knowledge of EastEnders an advantage. My dream lady has clean TV licence, an interest in the fashion potential of household fluff, and a Jeff Bridges video collection. Please write to Box 213. Oh, and I nearly forgot. Photo appreciated."

Danin," I yell, and head-butt the bath-taps. Bleeding from the brow, I stab wildly at the Lonely Hearts column speechless with frustration. There he is! Mister Dreamboat himself! But he wants a photo! And now we can never meet because I don't have any pictures. What a personal disaster. "Perhaps you could send your Single Life picture?" ventures a passing cat, sort-of telepathically. "Hah!" I shout. "How can I send a newspaper clipping, you fur-faced poltroon! Besides, this picture gives most people the impression I am

I clamber from the bath, press a towel to my head, and go through the usual frantic motions of searching the flat for a suitable picture. But while I rifle my home with all the gusto of the professional burglar. I know there is no chance whatever of success. In the end, in desperation. I grab my passport SINGLE LIFE: Lynne Truss on pictures that tell a most unpleasant story

shears and tussle with the temptation to cut out the picture forthwith. But luckily I remember in the nick of time that a) it was taken seven years ago: and b) some of the proffered squeaking might take

place abroad. Sinking on the debris. I sob quietly. If I say I always look lousy in photographs, there is one large obvious inference which i would naturally rather not contemplate. But there is another reason, honestly, for my despondence. It is that I find it really hard to pose. In front of a camera I just smile in a "this is it, there's no more" kind of way. and trust that "being myself" will do the job. This is utterly wrongheaded, of course, because for a successful photo you must seize the moment, choose your statement. and go for it. Whereas I invariably look as though the statement I have chosen is "I am simple-minded. Please don't mind me. Children are

For this reason, book-jackets depress me. I am amazed by the intensely serious faces adopted by authors on the backs of books. It is as though they have been subjected to some weird voodoo practice, sonality and humour has been pulled out in strings through their nostrils. Look at the pictures of the Booker shortlist people (the men. anyway) and you will see they seem to have memorised a

list of permitted authorial qualities - a list that is unfortunately rather short. It goes: Brainy, Moody, Mad, Sincere, Sensitive, Anxious, Supercilious, Dangerous, Grumpy. On this list, you will observe, Harmless is notable by its absence.

Evidently authors may choose three (not more) of these qualities and put them together in subtle combinations. Thus, taking a random selection from the bookshelves, one finds that the Ian McEwan of Black Dogs, say, has opted for brainy, anxious and mad; that Martin Amis, formerly brainy. supercilious and dangerous (London Fields) has now daringly regrouped as brainy, sincere and anxious (Time's Arrow). And Nigel Williams (They Came from SW19) has achieved an amazing triple of brainily sensitive, sincerely sensi-

tive and sensitively grumpy. For women the range is smaller and doesn't include Brainv. That's

just the way it is. Traditionally women could choose from Clever, Nice, Shiny, Well made-up and Pet-owning, but usually said to hell with it and took the lot. To this list a few new elements have been added recently. For example, Jeanette Winterson (famously self-effacing author of Written on the Body) has added Challenging, Bloody-Minded and Eyes that Follow You Around the Room. Pictures of women authors sometimes have a verge-of-tears quality, reminiscent of Julia Margaret Cameron's famous picture Despair, which was achieved by locking the juvenile sitter in a cupboard for a couple of hours beforehand. Jeanette Winterson does not look like someone recently emerged from a cupboard. She does, however, resemble a person who has just locked someone else in a cupboard, and put the key down the lav.

Meanwhile, what do I do about the Andre Agassi man? If I don't send a picture, he will smell a rat. Perhaps I should get a heap of coins and take residence in a Photo-Me booth for the afternoon, trying out statements. Think moody. Think mad. Think grumpy. But what I don't understand is this. Given that the mad, brainy, sincere look is only a pretence, why not go for something a bit more dramatic? Such as Livid, Amnesiac, Paranoid, or Escaping from Wolves? Unfortunately I shall have to settle for Concussed by Bathroom Appliance. Which probably means that my photo won't be appreciated very much, after all.



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RIGOLETTO: Jonathan Miller's sturdy 1950s-style production of the Verdi opera is revived by English National Opera. John Rawnsley sings Rigoletto, Arthur Davies is the Duke and Cathryn Pope, Gilda. Michael Lloyd conducts. eum St Martin's Lane London

WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm LA VOIX HUMAINE: Mananne Heligren performs Poulenc's one-act opera for solo soprano, representing one side of a telephone conversation one side of a telephone conversation between a woman and the lover who is abandoning her. Claire Gaskon directs. Theatre Museum, 1e Tavistock Street,

TOM ROBINSON: The songwriter who had considerable success during the Severnes with hins such as "2-4-6-8 Motorway" and "Glad to be Gay" makes a return to the recording studio in a solo setting. A new album Living in a Boom Time is said to find Robinson at his acoustic best and is released to his acoustic best and is released to concide with a nationwide lour Riverside, Newcastle (091-261 4386), tonight, 7 30pm. Arts Centre, Darington (0325 483168), tumorrow, 7 30pm. Town Hall, Cheltenham (0242 523690), Sat, 8pm (doors 7.30pm). Gatehouse, Stafford (0785 \$4653), Sun 70m.

BABES IN TOYLAND: This all-girl group, in cracking form on their new album fontanelle, peddle a blistening Town & Country Club, London, NW5, tonight, 7pm Brighton Centre, East Wing (1273 202881), tomonow, 8pm.

LIBERATED REALISM: The main emphasis in this new show of the gallery's speciality, art from the former eastern bloc, shifts from artists who

DEATH AND THE MAIDIFIC And Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Perury Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Maron's Lane,

mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

TROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty

the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Somes songs. Arnbassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111) Mon-Thurs,

GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley

Sentimental, Amencán, entertaining. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road,

low-key production. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 195mms (Sold out for complete run.

THE INVISING MAN: A revival of

heatre Royal, Gerry Ratfles Square, itratford £15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sal,

I IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Unis in

the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoued. Ray

Concey farce with lots of laughs. Playhouse, Norshumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fn, Bpm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5 30pm, 135mins.

III JUNE WOON: Nove songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley, Delightful comedy by Ring Landner and George S. Kaufman, Excellent cast lead by Adam

Godley and Frank Lazarus. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Set, Spin,

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IR:

intriguing, sightly puzzling play. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1

THE HOURS AND TIMES WILL Roan Epstein bed John Lennon in Barcelona? Director Christopher Münch's rudimentary style makes it difficult for the standard and in the

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CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

most people to care. ICA (071-930 3647).

sugar, Berlin in the Twenties. Sontimental American enter

MAMLET: Alan Rickman in

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: After his rope-swinging Midsummer Night's Dream for UFT last year, the Romanian

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

nave stayed put to artists who nave moved west. Principal among them are the Macedonian Bobby Acevski-Papo, who paints large, brightly coloured, family surrealistic figure compositions; the Russian husband-and-write team

tanet and Emmanuil Snitkovsky, whose poised yet whimsical pictures make

great play with imricately textured

nt and the Ukraiman Shumon

Okshtein, who does the sort of thing the Surrealists did in the Twenties, but

with a decidedly contemporary twist. Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, London W1 (071-495 4747). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat, 9am-1pm, until Oct 7.

time of Etty in the early 19th century the nude in Britain generally required an excuse, however transparent, in the

shape of a subject from classical myth

or a Biblical story such as Susannah and the Elders. The nuclein painting gradually became accepted in its own

gradulary became accoping on its own right, until today it can be the major preoccupation of a painter such as Lucian Freud without raised eyebrows. This new display at the Tase, the second in the Crosscurrents series, charts the history of this change from the gallery's www.colliction.

own collection. Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1

(071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10a 5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until Dec 27.

THE PAINTED NUDE: Up until the

of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only

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MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Europedes's revenge drama Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mat Sal, 4pm.

Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-ofhitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867

1119) Mon-Fri, Rpm, Sat, 8,30pm, m Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5,30pm, 120mms. THILADELPHIA HERE I COMES Brian First's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and his carping after ago. A renval to be chershed. Wynditam's, Charing Cross Road, W.C.2 (1071-867 1110). Mon-Fn, 8pm, 8at, 8 15pm, mater Wed, 3pm, 5at, 5pm, 140mins.

THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Tenfic performance by Asson Steadman as the raucous slattern in Jim Carvergin's play about dreams, shyness and homble mothers. Nerticost (Cotteston), South Bank, SEI (071-928 2252). Tonight. v. 7.30cm. mat tomogrow

SMADES: Payline College tom between her child, mum and mentiner in Sharman Macdonald's deeppointing new play; only sporadically absorbed Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (07)-867 1 115), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATIONS Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guser's fine play. Commedy, Partion Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, Bprn, mass Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins.

McCowen, James McDaniel and Stephen Rea as Beirut hostages in Frank McGurmess's new play. Vasudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071– 836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm 140mats. THEATRE GUIDE

plays. This is a co-production with the respected Oxford Stage Company and

will tour the regions until November MacRobert Arts Centre, String University, String (0786 61081), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

one-woman show comprises six short musical sequences exploring female personalities both famous and

personalities both famous and infamous. Susannah Self who has worked with the Royal Opera and Glyndebourne, plays the women. Pentameters Theatra, 28 Heath Street, London MW3 (071–435 6757).

LADY AOK: Chardonnay Productions presents Yukio Mishima's Noh play transformed into a modern mystery where two women torment their sou

for the love of one man. New End, 27 New End, London NW3 (071-794 0022), preview tonight, 9.45pm, opens tomorrow, 9.45pm.

EXCESS XS: Kevin Fegan's play with

music by Steve Moran brings the city's club and rave scene onto the stage. High energy occasion. Contact, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-274 4400). Previews tonight,

SINFONY'E: Stevie Wishan, conducts a programme, "Songs of the Iberian Kings", featuring music from the cours of Alforsio X of Castile (1221-1284) and his grandson, Units of Portugal (1261-1325), both prominent figures of the Galician-Portuguese horseshoot.

EXTRAORDINARY WUMEN: Selfmade Music Theatre, a new group committed to the performance of new music theatre and opera, presents its first production in Hampstead. The

VALENTINE'S DAY: Shaw's You Never Can Tell with music added any Never Can Tell with music add nearly every enjoyable quality subtracted. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, Spm, mets Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. DA WOMAN KILLED VITTH

KIRDNESS: Michael Maloney and Sashia Reeves in an Elizabethan description tragedy packed with telling The Pit, Barbican Centre, Sik Street, EC2 0771-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Philip Provise's injuriphent RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous aristocial in Wilde's social melculiansi laced with wrt, Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins, Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 19-100d Brothers: LCING RUNNERS; El Blood Brothers: 1073 - 847 1044) Buddy

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CINEMA GUIDE

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singer's tilrty battle for a seet in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising directorial debut by actor Tim Robbins. Grand (071-727 4043) HiGhl Chelless (071-355 5096) MiGhl Tottomham Court Road (071-636 6148) Oderons: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kensington (0426 914666) Serven on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ HOUSESITTER (PG) Goldie Hawn MOUSESTTER (PG) Golde Hawn moves into architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses as his wife A few bright spots; month very trying. Durotor, Frank Oz. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Baker Street (071-359 9772) MGM Michael Road (071-370 2635) MGM Oxford Street (071-360 310) MGM Trocadero (071-344 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whitaleys (071-792 3332)

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JUICE (15) Friendship and vicionce among ghotto youths, Superior san

of the new black onema, directed by Spike Lee's comeramen, Ernest R. Dickesson. Omar Epps, Tupac Shakur. MGMP Parton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Troundero (071-434 0031).

 LETHAL WEAPON 9 (15): Rousing comedy and mayhem with L.A. copsi Riggs and Murraugh. Mel Gibson. Danny Glover, Joe Pesci; director, Richard Donner, MGM Pulhaun Itoed (071-370 2636)

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MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

◆ WATERLAND (15), Jacenty Irons at The history teacher haunted by his Fenland childhood. Brave but failed attempt to fifm Graham Swift's complis novel Director, Stephen Gyllenhaal, Barbican (071–638 8891) Ozezon Wriest End (071–639 4805) Chelsea (071-351 3742) Otleon Kensing

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Going over the top the wrong way

LYNDA LA PLANTE, creator of that compelling police thriller, Prime Suspect, occupied almost as much newsprint last week as the ERM. She seemed to be giving dozens of interviews about her new television drama series. Civvies (BBC 1), and in each one she made sure she predicted how angry the series would make the Parachute Regiment

Alas, the army - displaying the renowned tactical genius which causes foreign generals to mutter "c'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre" - charged blindly straight into the La Plante ambush, kicking up the very "controversy" for which the BBC publicists were praying. As a result, the BBC probably pulled in enormous viewing figures for last night's opening enisode.

Viewers were duly rewarded with a fistful of violence, a sour and inaccurate portrait of the Paras, some lively performances from the tough-guy actors, and a few memorable lines of macho dialogue. Noticeably absent was the brilliant plotting which gripped audiences from first to last in Prime Suspect.

The Paras were played as alcoholic. anti-social, unbalanced and unemployable thugs. But they had their bad points too. There was, for instance, their tendency to sink a skinful of booze and then indulge in their favourite hobby of "Paddy bashing": jumping on apparently innocent Irishman and beating them up with all sorts of fancy kung-fu kicks and butts.

This was how we were introduced to Frank (the excellent Jason Isaacs) and his red-bereted mates, operating in the Ulster urban jungle and — as a series of gory flashbacks gradually revealed becoming emotionally scarred by the loss of comrades in a pub bomb blast. But when Frank and company left the regiment and returned to Civvy Street, they found the going more hazardous than a night patrol in the Falls Road. "We'd be better off coming out of the

THE wounds inflicted on Belfast's Grand Opera House by last December's bombing have healed, and the

theatre has opened its doors once again

Tim Coleman, who gave Belfast

such a fine Figuro last September.

returned with an equally thoughtful

and handsome Rigoletto. A synopsis of

the production's thesis was played out

during the overture: mask and cos-

turne, disguise and distortion, with all

they imply, were to be the burden of

this production. Rigoletto's hunchback

was in the cloak he chose to wear;

masks and blindfolds were inter-

changeable; Gilda's abductors played

out her night of horror in a grotesquely

and Paul Pyant, characteristically spot-

lighting, plenty of scope. There were

times when the designer-slickness was

just too slick we did not, perhaps, have

to see the Duke in his bathroom with a

line of scarlet-coated flunkies ranged

up against the tiles, to be convinced of his vanity.

But the quality of the playing from

the Ulster Orchestra under Kenneth

Montgomery and the strength of the

casting provided a power which swept

SUPPOSE that some English classic,

She Stoops to Conquer, for example,

were totally unknown in Russia; its

author's name perhaps vaguely famil-

iar, but its plot, characters and the phrases it introduced ("the pink of

perfection", "Liberty Hall") creating

no stir of recognition among Moscow's

theatre-goers. If a Russian company

decided to stage this major work, a

mighty burden of responsibility would

rest upon them lest the Muscovites decide that reports of the play's worth

play's hero, is a role that tests every

Russian actor. That much can be

had been greatly exaggerated.

All of this made for striking theatre.

ave Lez Brotherston, designing

to Opera Northern Ireland.



Active service in the Ulster urban jungle: a scene from Lynda La Plante's new BBC 1 drama series Civvies

nick," he moaned to his wife. That is a thesis which, one suspects, he may have a chance to test out before the

series ends. Unable to hold down a job, yet needing money to look after his badly shot-up buddy Steve (mysteriously left untreated for a sniper wound in the throat). Frank drifted into running dodgy errands for a seedy local villain. Revelling in this role, Peter O'Toole gleefully produced an accent that even the Krays might have considered a bit

Being a highly-trained fighting machine, mean and intelligent, Frank needed only to carry a cargo of diamonds to an underworld fence and then to beat a policeman senseless before the true nature of his new job dawned on him. "It's got nothing to do with insurance, and you know it," he shouted accusingly at the ex-Para chum who got him into it.

The heavy emphasis on male-bonding rang true; when Frank became distraught, Steve threw Frank's unbelievably tolerant wife out of the kitchen. and comforted him himself. The wham-bang action, however, was cerHE SLD Gir.

tainly not credible. La Planse has said that she got the idea for Civvies from an ex-Para who came to do some building work on her house. That is exactly how it looked: a grossly embellished tale spun by a boastful builder to impress a wide-eyed lady with an over-active imagination. Not so much Prime Suspect as very

RICHARD MORRISON

OPERA: BELFAST

Undisguised quality

the opening bars there was a sense of raw nerve and fe-

brile movement in the orchestra, which found its visual counterpart in the ubiquitous scarlet light, and its emotional response in the powerful relationship of this Rigoletto and this They were uncannily well matched physically. Kimm Julian, a tall, athletic

Rigoletto from Minneapolis, with a voice and temperament to match. made an impressive European debut, alongside the diminutive child-like Susannah Waters, Her Gilda crouched in his long, dark shadow; with all the manifestations of a victim of child abuse, she clung, disbelievingly, to wall and floor, only to be pushed down still further at Rigoletto's words of comfort. Her voice cut through to the quick, vulnerable and strong at once.

Peter Riberi's Duke had the flavour of real Italian sauce, but tended to be

vocally tense and Rigoletto/Faust physically self-con-Grand Opera House scious. Alan Ewing was a slithery

Sparafucile. Paul Nemeer a potent Monterone, and Rachel Hallawell a ripe Maddalena, who will grow still further into this role.

FROM the opera Queen Victoria refused permission for her court to see. to Faust, one of her favourites. This was a revival of the company's highly successful 1989 staging: successful in the distinctive imagination at work behind its unashamedly traditional, unfussy production. Bliss Hebert and Allen Charles Klein returned to direct and refurbish: Stephen Barlow conducted with just the panache this production needs.

With its chorus sitting in wooden theatre stalls which frame the action. this is a friendly, homely Faust, its scenes of diablerie and horror the more chilling for its rusticity. The

Eastèr Fair, homespun and earthy. becomes a dumbshow of the entire opera. We know it all and yet we are constantly surprised, which is just how Faust should be.

Again Belfast has looked across the Atlantic and found a Canadian Faust and Mephistopheles. Neither Guy Belanger, a peevish Faust, weak of character and, alas, of voice, nor Claude Corbeil, a stentorian but austere Mephistopheles, measure up to the virtuosity of their predecessors of three years ago. Kate McCarney still provides a touching Siebel and Karl Morgan Daymond a more than promising Valentin. Above all, Maureen O'Flynn sings her heart out with ardour and ease as Marguérite and. even in her testing apotheosis, really

So, by the way, does Opera Northern Ireland's amateur chorus. If initiatives such as their training scheme (sponsored by Marks & Spencer) and new plans for sponsorship go ahead, the company should be able to build on its formidable strengths in casting and orchestral playing and turn up next March with a Trovatore well worth the voyage.

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Little rhyme or reason

uncovered by the assiduous theatre-goer with a reference Wit's End

Even the text can be tracked down, translated 60 years ago into sprightly rhymed couplets that were praised as true to Griboyedov's achievement in fitting colloquial chatter into verse. But this is not the text used by Jake Lushington in his production for the Angel Theatre Company. Stephen Walshe's translation lacks apophthegms, snappy phrases that

could persuade us that a treasure-

house of foreign proverbs is being

offered at a fair exchange rate into our

New End, Hampstead

Planché or Gilbert or Tony Harrison are the models to have gone for: clever rhymes, outrageous, entertaining rhymes. The smugly corrupt society of Tsar Alexander i might then have come to life

currency.

before our ears. Griboyedov's title has also been translated as Woe from Wit and The Disadvantages of Being Clever, and this is what young Chatsky experiences on returning to Russia, where politicians and princes are obsessed, on the one hand, with foreign fads while, on the other, failing to see how stupidly

they kow-tow to persons higher in the hierarchy. Famously critical of these faults. Chatsky is so cantankerous that he offends the girl he fancies and is thought mad by Moscow's snobbish

élite. By boldly cramming a cast of 18 on to the small stage, the climactic ballroom scene looks, though it does not sound, fairly impressive In fits and starts. But in less hectic passages Lushington does not integrate the shifting focuses of attention.

Adrian Schiller makes a creditable stab at the hero, keeping him lively even when sardonic Simon Coury's mournful sycophant and Sheila Mitchell's grande dame have their moments. but without the essential wit this resurrection job becomes a pointless

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Never too young to rock 'n' roll

Rock music has its own generation gap: older fans are baffled by what's going on now. Fortysomething David Sinclair and teenager Caitlin Moran peer suspiciously across the divide at each other's heroes





THE trouble with kids today is that they are too respectful of their elders. Unlike the malcontents who invented rock 'n' roll, today's adolescents do not

scorn the music or the fashions or even the aged heroes of their parents' generation; they embrace them. Such bands as the Grateful Dead and Pink Floyd have a significant teenage following. Michael Jackson, whose appeal to children is unrivalled, first topped the chart 22 years ago. The Doors, Bob Marley and Jimi

Hendrix are all more popular now than they were in their lifetimes. and it is young people who are buying their music. Wayne's World, the youth movie of the year, won an MTV award for its use of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody". Such reverence for the music of the past is all very flattering to oldies who like to think they were around when rock still counted for something. But when are today's

teenagers going to start thinking for themselves? Most of them seem to have developed an appreciation of rock in the first instance by rooding through the record collections of their parents, uncarthing forgotten and often embarrassing items. How else to explain the cross-generational appeal of acts ranging from Jethro Tull to Abba? The end of overt generational

conflict in rock came with the rout of punk at the close of the Seventies. Remember the bitter and sweeping polemic of Johnny Rotten and his confrères - haw they derided the previous generation of rockers as a bunch of "boring old farts" and promised to put an end to the 'dinosaur" acts? In the event, it was punk that quickly dated while the ancien regime tightened its grip.

The younger generation has failed to replace or rebel against this orthodoxy in anything but the most silly and superficial way. True, we now have rap, and there is a lot more bad language and gratuitously oafish behaviour than there used to be. But where is the young rock act that is capable of mobilising its own generation while simultaneously alienating and scandalising older onlookers in the way that Presley or the Stones managed to do? There isn't one, unless you count Ice-T and his "kill the police" rhetoric (and despite all the fuss generated by his Body Count album, it still failed to reach the US Top 30 and barely registered in the British chart).

Where is the rising star with the talent to replace the Beatles or Dylan or Hendrix or Prince or even. God help us, Madonna? There isn't one.

The new stars are all based on the old ones. When Primal Scream were awarded the Mercury Music Prize for their album Screama-delica last week, the judges praised the album for being "a bold pan across several genres from soul through the Rolling Stones to house". So, a good album perhaps, but hardly revolutionary.

Most of the new heroes base their

music on the traditional guitar, drums and vocals blueprint handed down by their predecessors. From the blood-and-guts thunder of American heavyweights like Nirvana (currently being sued for allegedly ripping off an old Killing Joke record) to the more eccentric antics of the best English indie groups — P.J. Harvey, Curve, Suede, Silverfish et al — the ground rules remain essentially unchanged from the heyday of Led Zeppelin and Siouxsie and the Banshees. The house and techno music

which dominates the dub turntables of the rave scene is a technologically updated version of disco without the melodies. The genre's biggest success to date, the Orb's No 1 album UFOrb, was partly produced by wizened hippie guru Steve Hillage and sounds like Eno's ambient synthesizer doodlings tarted up for the dance crowd.

ot many people over 30 wear those ridiculously baggy jeens, and still fewer are inclined to spend Friday night cruising the M25 in search of the week's chosen field. But the all-night raves and drug-assisted "happenings" plainly echo the hippy gatherings of 25 years ago. It is no surprise that there is a rave version of the old Hawkwind song "Silver Machine".

While many youngsters are content to build on or recycle the achievements of the past, others betray a stunning ignorance of the provenance of the music they enjoy. There are now people working in record companies who do not know what punk was, and the laughable idea that "alternative" rock began in the Eighties is widespread.

Despite the musical continuity which has enabled rock to extend its appeal from those aged six to 60. there has developed in recent years a vast cultural gulf between the





Talking bout my generation: Pink Floyd, now attracting a new young following; and the Nineties' sensation My Bloody Valentine, said to have "redefined music"

different generations of rock fans. The main split is between the preand post-Atari age groups. The older fans grew up before the arrival of computer games, video recorders and satellite television.

For us, rock was something that had to be sought out. I remember suffering two weeks of unbearable frustration before getting hold of Van Morrison's Astral Weeks alburn in 1968; that was as fast as my local store could order a copy. My friends and I used to pore over such albums in infinitesimal detail; hours stretched into days as we explored each precious acquisition.

Today's teenagers have been bombarded with popular music for most of their lives. There are now boundless opportunities for hearing it. For them rock has become part of the aural wallpaper of life. And because there is so much more of it, it is somehow less important.

When today's hi-tech pop fan in his Shamen T-shirt and candysuiped trainers has finished playing with his Super Mario computer game he can go and buy a video of a movie for roughly the price of a CD. If he chooses Wayne's World (this week's US No 1), he gets the (vintage) rock soundtrack thrown in. If not, so what? Kids today? They don't know they're born.

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breached every guitar-burning, drug-taking, shag-frenzy extreme. Rock 'n' roll was invented, defined and had peaked by 1975, and all that's left for us poor wee lambikins is a huge graveyard of music, which we can exhume, copy, sample, and watch in awe on The Rock 'n' Roll Years. At least that's the theory. Happily and gorgeously enough, this is all so much rubbish.

Rock 'n' poo 'n' rap 'n' roll in the Nineties is alive, well, chatting up girties in nightclubs, drinking un-wise amounts of alcohol, having a third nose-ring put in, and vomit-ing in the backs of cars, as every good Youth Culture should. Rock has recently had a nice holiday and a good dose of vitamins in the rise and rise of Grunge-Rock band Nirvana. They have injected the cliché of drums/guitar/bass 'n' Angst with something like danger, if there's anyone out there who remembers what that looks

like. Pavenept are also prodding inquisitively at the boundaries of Rock As We Know It, and may well do something utterly godlike and notorious in the next six months.

Rap/hip-hop has had a little fight with itself, and split down the middle. On the right: the antisemitic, anti-any-other-minority. misogynous 2 Live Crew, Luke Skkkywalker, Ice T and the rest of the crazy, screwed-up guys. On the Left: the "Edutainers", complete with fiercely critical political lyrics and a nice line in trousers. The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy are the leaders of the left wing of rap/hip-hop. On stage, they use blow-torches, are-welders and oil-drams to play such songs as "Socio-Genetic Experiment", "Television, Drug of the Nation" and a cover of the Dead Kennedys' "California Uber Alles". Sometimes, their disgust with the world is so scorching it raises blisters on the skin.

Techno/hardcore/house/acid is mutating into various different skeins which, to be honest, nobody knows all the correct names for. Ambient House - now that one I do know - as practised by the Orb on their album UFOrb, is drifty. dreaming, tranced-out layers of music. The Future Sound Of London's Accelerator album is pretty damn amazing, too. Synth music's pop face is repre-

from equal parts of New Order and The Smiths, with the occasional Pet Shop Boy thrown in for good measure, Electronic make electroplated, pristine synth pop, scuffed up with hyperventilating geezer-type stuff and Barney's fey vocals. I could be a rock critic, you know.

all this wonderful music. isn't charting, and thus gaining the attention of, ahem, elderly critics of Nineties Yoof, it is because rebellion costs money. The shades, the cigarette, the bike - and the music - are all too expensive. Most been agers are so hideously broke they can't afford so buy the music they love and support rock 'n' roll. which has always been the mouth-piece of disaffected youth, etcetera (stop me if I go all Open University). Instead, we the glorious skint

kiddies get in a six-pack of TDK blank tapes, and turn on the radio. Mark Raddiffe's Hit The North on Radio 5, and John Peel on fabulous One FM are both illegal-recording worthy. And if anyone starts mak ing comments about John Peel being too old to feed us pop-kids on all that is new and wonderful, well. Sir John of Peel is an honorary long-haired, wild-eyed, groovilytrousered teenager for ever, should

new sounds, ideas, arrangements... May I introduce you to My Bloody Valentine, demi-gods to students everywhere, and creators of music that made me feel physically sick when I first heard it. Listening to MBV is like denying all solids and trying to live solely on Bailey's Irish Cream - which, by the way, I've tried, and it's really fun for the first week or two. My Bloody Valentine have spent the last few blank years boiling down their music to an almost toxic, concentrated brew of suffocating bliss-noise. What do they sound like? Ah, well; music journalists tend to start burbling things about Sonic Cathedrals of Shattered Imagery, and Billowing Parabolas of Unfocused Sound and calling it 'Womb-adelica" and so forth. The truth is, there's never been a band like My Bloody Valentine. They've redefined music with all-new notes and structures. They are The Future, The Way Forward and The

say there is truly nothing new - no

Light. No. really. So music and Youth Culture in the Nineties isn't dead - and if it's lying down, well, it may be having a nap after being on the go all night: or it may just be thinking. real hard, about what to do next.

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one, but two works new to Britain, both of them surely This could be very exciting. For some years now, the Halle Orchesworks that will soon take their place in the standard repertory tra's audiences have been looking with envy at the - a statement it is rarely programmes offered by rival possible to make with much orchestras in Liverpool and confidence in these confused

> Messiaen's Un Sourire was his last work, written for the Mozart bicentenary. But it is also perhaps one of programme, because it is scored for a normal orchestra. and lasts only eight minutes. Its delicate textures and clear symmetrical design contain many familiar sounds. It may be too much to say that this little gem summarises a lifetime's work, but it would be hard to imagine a better introduction to the music of one of the century's greatest

The jury is of course still out on where John Adams belongs, but his new El Dorado shows that he is not going to rest on his astonishing successes of recent years. This is a much bigger work than the Messiaen, lasting half-anhour and calling for a large



Nagano: great promise

orchestra. Coming on to the stage in the middle of the concert to introduce it (is this going to be another hallmark of Nagano's concerts?), Adams appeared to claim that he had left minimalism behind: well, it is perhaps a matter of how you define minimalism, and most listeners will first of all have recognised the old ostinatos and perpetual-motion gambits. But the two contrast-

on the environment, and composed with evident passion. contain an extraordinary amount of resourceful invention. Adams himself drew the distant analogy of Ravel's Bolero for the steady growth of the first movement; but both detail that suggests they will be well worth getting to know much better.

Not content with two new works, Nagano ended the concert with the seldom-heard full version of Stravinsky's Firebird ballet. This is never going to take a proper place in the orthestral repenory: it is the kind of piece that convinces you that Stravinsky was right to prune it for concert purposes; but Nagano coaxed such persuasive and colourful playing from the orchestra that the result was a major triumph. Certainly the audience was unusually ecstatic in its reception. There are high hopes for Nagano's future in Manchester.

DAVID FALLOWS

ARTS BRIEF

Beyond

THE latest addition to the literature about Marilyn Monroe's death purports to be the work of four psychics. The co-authors of The Murder of Marilyn Monroe claim to have used the outin board to cross-examine J.F. Kennedy. Marilyn and a host of other witnesses from the beyond.

Last chance . . .

Marilyn

harmonies are brought together in the work of the British-born singer Najma Akhtar, who completes a UK tour this week. Akhtar performs ragas and "ghazals" -romantic poetry - in a traditional setting as well as with the support of an unobtrusive, semi-electric group. Her tour ends, at Peterborough Town Hall (0733 317645) on

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Baroque around the clock

Early music has caught Europe's imagination, as shown by the success of festivals and an unlikely film hit, says George Brock

Fnac. France's booksand-discs chain, this month and you will come face to face with a rack full of CDs of Spanish music. Of course Spain is big everywhere this year, with the Olympics, Expo '92 and Columbus commemorations, but look closely at the covers and you will find that the display includes only Spanish baroque music. Several of the CDs will carry a

picture of the long, bearded face of Jordi Savall who is now enjoying the fruits of his long struggle to rediscover and record forgotten or misinterpreted barroque composers. One of Savall's ensembles, Hesperion XX, will be bringing its austere and haunting repertoire north to the draughty churches of Flanders for several concerts in October.

Channel-hopping on Italian television one evening this summer, I lighted on a movie awards ceremony. Killer bimbos dressed in gold foil were handing awards to a trio of French actors who starred in one of the year's least glitzy hits: a film about the spiritual life of 17th-

century viol players.
Baroque is back. In Britain and Germany, taste for baroque music never receded quite so far as it did in France, Belgium and Spain, Although many baroque operas were performed at the Aix-en-Provence festival, Jean-Claude Malgoire made his Le Grande Ecurie recordings, and Les Arts Florissants won a reputation as one of the world's

alk into any branch of widepread interest in baroque thentic" reproduction of the sounds Fnac. France's books- music developed only slowly in the which would have been familiar to Sixties and Seventies. Conductors and musicians who wanted to play Couperin, Charpentier or Marin Marais often did so in France and Spain at the risk of empty concert halls and loss of public subsidy.

But during the 1980s, fashion began to turn. Record companies and concert promoters in France and the Benelux nations noticed the growing fame of the July haroque music festival at Saintes, a beautifully restored riverside town near Bordeaux. One of the festival's stars, the Belgian conductor Philippe Herrewegghe, won over Paris with Bach's St Matthew Passion in 1980.-In 1986, the authoritarian French court composer Jean-Baptiste Lully's opera Atys was a surprise hit, afterwards touring Spain, Italy and America.

As often happens in the case of such a mass rediscovery, the caregory of baroque music has been stretched and complicated. Scholarly battles have erupted over composers' real intentions, and the arguments have generated yet more recordings, as partisans of rival interpretations try to flood the shops, festivals and airwaves with their preferred versions.

While argument rattles on in Brtain between advocates of small ensembles and ancient instruments, and those who cheerfully play Mozart with full orchestra and choir. French music lovers have made a more clear-cut choice. Taste has lurched violently towards "au-

which would have been familiar to 17th-century listeners. At the end of what the French critic Alain Lompech called "the war of the tuning forks", the rediscoverers have won. "It has become nearly impossible for a traditional orchestra successfully to play the Brandenburgs or Vivaldi's concertos," Lom-

pech wrote recently.
But it takes a film to put classical music in the bestseller class. Just under a year ago. Tous les matins du monde - the film the Italian television programme was about surprised its makers and distributors by becoming a smash hit.

he film is spare, unfolding like the novel it sterns from, and revolves around a hermit-like viol player whose music can bring his dead wife back to life. More than two million people have seen the film in France, where it won seven Cesars (the local Oscars). The CD of the soundtrack, played by Jordi Savali and sung by his wife, the soprano Montserrat Figueras, has sold more than 250,000 copies.

Savall deserves a special place in any account of the revival of barroque music across Europe, for his skill both in popularising some difficult music and in revealing that fascinating works were being composed at the southern end of the continent in the age of Bach and Telemann. Savall has recorded his own version of Mozart's Requiem (small orchestra, intimate setting).

s Slovakia has formally sep-arated from the Czech lands

and voted its new constitu-

tion through parliament, federal

funds will dry up in December.

Slovak businessmen who wish to

promote their country ought now to invite the British to work with them

in the arts. All over Slovakia, precious works of art and architec-

ture, the heritage of 700 years of

Catholic history, are waiting to be discovered by the West, and a work with strong historical links with

Britain - a treasure scarcely known but priceless — is gently sleeping in the heart of the Slovak capital.

It is a depiction in six tapestries of Ovid's story of Hero and Leander.

The sequence of delicate drapes.

housed at present in the Mirbach

Palace, are not Slovakian, Bohemi-

an, Moravian or Hungarian: they were made at the Mortlake factory

near London by Flemish workers in

the 17th century, under the patron-



Musical climber: Gérard Depardieu as the old Marin Marais in the award-winning film Tous les matins du monde

to develop his argument that Mozart belongs to the end of the baroque and not to the early phase of romantic music. But although he stresses the importance of crisp rhythm in Mozart. Savall has won his widest audience with viol music, which is as measured and lacking in ornament as can be imagined. The slow and sombre voice of the viola da gamba resounds through

Tous les matins du monde and in the heads of its small cast. Monsieur de Ste Colombe (Jean-Pierre Mariellel, a recluse of monastic intensity and self-discipline, lives for his music with only his chickens and two daughters for company. The notes of the viol soothe his soul after his wife's early death, and he invests his music with such feeling that he summons her ghost.

He takes no notice of the glitterati of the royal court who controlled French 17th-century music, but his family is invaded by the ambitious Marin Marais, a talented player who sees music as a means to preferment at court. The old Marais, the narrator, is played by Gerard Depardieu, and the young Marais by his son Guil-laume. Marais climbs towards a

feted career as a court composer while his teacher continues to love his music with an intensity which breathes life into the most rigorous and formal works. Tous les matins du monde is riveting but almost plotless: people talk, eat, make love and (mostly) play music. Directed by Alain Corneau, the film is due for release in Britain in January. It



A detail from the first tapestry, woven in Mortlake, London

Jessica Douglas-Home on Bratislava's 17th-century tapestries

Behind the Slovak arras

ment for weaving tapestries came to King James I from Henry IV of France, and in 1619 he sent to Flanders for the best weavers. Three years later, Frances Cleyn the man who was to design the Hero and Leander tapestries — was chosen as designer and chief weaver to the Mortlake factory. Although Cleyn became well-known as an engraver and a painter in England, these cartoons were his masterpiece. Parts of the sequence exist elsewhere, but only in Bratislava can you see the complete set.

In the first tapestry, we are steeled for the love-story ahead. The two figures dominating the fore-ground face each other, hand

grasped in hand, on the steps of an ancient portico. Hero's yielding body responds to Leander's penetraing eye, the onset of his love. But his billowing blood-red cloak signals imminent danger, and Hero points with the index finger of her left hand to the cupid above, who divides them with his bow and arrow.

The colours are delicate and shimmering. Silver and gold silk is woven into the woollen yarn in key areas - on the top of waves in a glistening sea, or where the light catches the braid of a belt — and pierres our senses.

A mystery surrounds the early years of the tapestries. Although

made in Mordake between 1630 and 1660, it is by no means clear how and when they reached Bratislava. No one knew they were in the city until 1903, when they were found rolled up behind wallpaper in a room in the Primate's Palacepalace built in 1779 for Archbishop Jozef Batthyany. No reference to their existence appears in any literature of the period.

Their value was immediately recognised, and a fierce dispute over ownership ensued. Three months previously, in August 1903, the Bratislava municipal council had bought the Primate's Palace for 120,000 crowns from the Archbishop's Residence in Estergom. But on hearing of the

find, the archbishop immediately claimed that the contract of sale did not include furnishings, so the tapestries were the property of the Church. However, a Bratislava solicitor established that in law all items behind wallpaper were fix-tures included in the sale, not furnishings. Thus the municipal council won the proceedings, and the tapestries remained in the city.

The tapestries were found in remarkably good condition, but have been sent out for restoration several times this century, and work on the last two will be finished next June. This will coincide with the completion of intensive redecoration of the Primate's Palace, which will allow the complete sequence to be seen in the original setting for the first time for 30 years. Art historians and art lovers from all over the world visiting the tapestries will surely herald the start of a thriving tourist industry which will spread out to discover the rest of

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

 AMSTERDAM: De Nederlandse Opera revives Macha Makeieff and Jérome Deschamps's production of the Jacques Offenbach opéra bouffe, Les Brigands, successfully premiered earlier this year. The young Frenchman Louis Langrée conducts. Het Muziektheater, 3 Amstel (010 3120 6255455). Oct 3,

5, 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 20, 22, 28, FRANKFURT: Established mixed-media group Remote Control performs La Prison des Femmes, the final part of a trilogy produced by Michael Laub in collaboration with composer Larry Steinbachek. An Expo '92 co-production. Theater am Turm. Escher-sheimer Landst 2 (01049 69 1545), Oct 30, 31; Nov 4, 7.

● LILLE: The Festival de Lille takes British music as its theme this year. Purcell's The Indian Oucen will be conducted by Jean-Claude Malgoire at the Opera de Lille (Oct 23, 23); and Britten's War Requiem by combined English and French forces.

Festival de Lille, 64 av du President Kennedy, 59800 Lille (01033 20527423/fax: 20859175), Oct 23-Nov 21.

 PARIS: A new production of La Bayadère is staged by l'Opera de Paris. The ballet is set in a fantastical India and revolves around a temple dancer, a bayadere, loved by a warrior who is pledged to the jealous daughter of a Rajah. Opera de Paris Garnier. S rue Scribe (010331 47425371). Oct 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31,

PARIS: Picasso and Objeers brings together over 150 works from the "Blue Period" and illustrates most of the techniques used by the artist. Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, Porte Champs-Elysées (010331 44131717). Daily (except Tues), 10am-8pm, Wed, 10am-10pm. Opens Oct 3-Dec 28.

 VIENNA: The new season at the Kammeroper opens with a staging of Hans Werner Henze's The English Cat in a co-production between Wiener Staatsoper and Wiener Konzerthaus. Markus Stenz directs.

Wiener Kammeroper, Fleischmarkt 24, 1010 Wien (010431 5120100). Oct 28. 31: Nov. 7. 9. 11.

KARI KNIGHT

Spain's answer to the Tate is splendid if controversial

age of Charles I.

THE Reina Sofia museum the national modern art museum in Madrid - is officially open at last. It has borne the Queen's name since it was first opened more than six years ago, but only now houses a permanent collection, because successive ministers of culture

and museum directors have argued long and fiercely over what it should include. Already, Spanish art critics have complained that it omits many vital 20th-century artists. But the decision to base the chronological presentation of the modern movement on a backbone of works by Spain's "big five" — Picasso, Miró, Dali, Juan Gris and Julio Gonzalez - is bold and im-

the best introduction in Spain to the subject. "Our idea was that this museum should not just be a store of works, but offer a way of looking at art in its place and context," said the museum's director, Maria Corral, at the press launch. "The permanent collection goes up to the 1960s, because we already have some historical perspective up to then; the other items on show are proposals that

pressive. It certainly makes

might be changed." The official opening of the

THOMAS DINESEN and

his relationship with his sister

Karen Blixen are the focus of

the autumn exhibition at the

Danish authoress's birthplace,

Rungstedlund House, north

of Copenhagen. This was the

family home, with grounds overlooking the Baltic Sound

between Denmark and Swe-

den. Thomas (1892-1979) en-

listed with the Canadian

Royal Highlanders, and was

awarded the VC in 1918 for

bravery at the front in France.

in the early 1920s, he paid

two lengthy visits to his sister's

African farm to help manage

her coffee plantation in Ke-

nya's Ngong Hills, and he

renewed his ties with her in

The exhibition features per-

sonal effects including diaries

and photographs from Dine-

sen's stays in Kenya and his

Great War experiences. He

wrote short stories, memoirs

Denmark in later years.

Madrid's modern masters

museum follows the government's decision to reorganise its art collections, including the controversial move of Picasso's Guernica from the Prado to the Reina Sofia. Next month, the Thyssen collection opens nearby. This will create a golden triangle of art mus-eums in Madrid, each within walking distance of the others.

On the second floor of the spacious Reina Sofia (once a huge 18th-century hospital), 367 works are on show, of which about a quarter are "proposals". Most were selected from the 12.000 works in the museum's own collection, which was mainly inherited from the former Contemporary Arts Museum, inconveniently located on the outskirts of Madrid. Most of the key works, however, come

from the Prado. Picasso's fine Woman in Blue (1901) is the first exhibit, but further on it is easy to miss the star of the show, his

Karen Blixen's home still resonates with her memory

Danish echoes of Africa

and a biographical work on

his sister, and the exhibition

gives an intimate glimpse into

Baroness Blixen (1885-

1962), also known by her pen-

name Isak Dinesen, returned

to Rungstedlund in 1931

when her Kenyan farm failed,

living and writing there until

her death. She produced seven

collections of short stories

besides the memoir Out of

Africa. Her works - written in

English -- first found success

her books in this house," says

the museum's curator. Mari-

anne Wirenfeldt Asmussen

"It was sales of her books after

the film of Out of Africa that

produced enough cash to turn

it into a museum last year."

The film of Blixen's life in

Kenya, starring Robert Red-

ford and Meryl Streep, won

seven Oscars in 1986.

"Blixen wrote virtually all

in America in the 1930s.

Karen Blixen's Kenya.

been hung inexplicably in a side room, greatly restricting the view of it. Visitors are funnelled in to see the painting from behind a plate glass window, and all Picasso's anger at the Spanish Civil War seems to be bottled up in the stark chamber.

There are whole rooms of Julio González sculptures, of the Paris School, and of Dali and Miró paintings. The wall devoted to Juan Gris is stunning, with his pictures of grapes, wine, tobacco and guitars reflecting the essential flavours of Spain. There are 25 Dalis, including his por-trait of Luis Burnel (1924) and The Great Masturbator (1929). Of later artists, the sculotor Eduardo Chillida's metalwork Toki Egin (1989) is

a magnet for vistors. The building has glass lifts on the outside, in the style of the Pompidou Centre, and has ample space for temporary shows, a good bookshop and a library. The pleasant bar and café could usefully be extended, in the style of New York's Metropolitan Museum, to the splendid inner garden patio, with its sculpture displays.

EDWARD OWEN

On her desk stand photo-

graphs of Demys Finch Hatton, her English lover in

Kenya, who died in a plane

crash only weeks before Blixen

left Africa. African spears and

shields decorate one wall of

her study, where she wrote

Winter's Tales, her favourite

collection of stories. A chest

from her farm is in the living

room, with other memorabil-

ia, including a wind-up gram-

ophone given her by Finch

Hatton and the little Corona

typewriter on which she wrote

Upstairs is the room over-

looking the sea where Blixen

died. The wall is hung with

writings from Buddha and the

Koran. Bliven is buried at the

foot of a spreading beech be-hind the house, her grave

marked by a simple stone slab.

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Seattle's Space Needle

was built for the 1962 World's Fair, and includes the soaring 605 ft Space Needle.

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LIFE & TIMES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 1992

Salem, notorious for its witch hunts 300 years ago, is still feuding - this time

'It's causing

people to be

LAURIE CABOT

about the anniversary. Kate Muir reports

en, was condemned as a witch and hanged at Salem in Massachusetts. Accused of a pact with Satan, she was strung up with seven others from a black locust tree on Gallows Hill. Her last carefully inked words were these:

"Knowing my own innocence and seeing plainly the wiles and subtlety of my accusers, I petition not for my own life, for I know I must die and my appointed time is set, but that, if it be possible, that your honours examine these afflicted persons strictly and keep them apart some time, and likewise try

some of these confessing witches, being confident that several of them has belied themselves. I cannot, I dare not belie my own soul." Mrs Easty was

voicing what even the courts admitted later — that the young, seemingly possessed girls who fell into fits and accused her of witchcraft were frauds, and the 20 men and women condemned to death during the terrible summer of 1692 were innocent of all charges, in a time of great social and economic up-heaval, Salem village's hysteria fed on bitter, decade-long

feuds over land, taxes and even the appointment of the local minister. When that boiled over into mass delusion and denouncements, even the most innocent people — solid, churchgoing, English emigrant furmers' wives like. Mrs Easty — were no longer safe. All that is taken as read now: the witch hunt is studied for its insights into lynch-mob mentality, not black magic.

Three centuries on, Salem might DE EXDECTED ID NAVE JEANTIED TROTTI I past, but little has changed. The town is still obsessed with witchcraft and still divided by feuds. Admittedly, the citizens' disputes are of a less dangerous nature, more likely to end up in the Salem Evening News (logo: witch on broomstick) than on Gallows Hill. The present three-way brawl concerns the tercentenary and whether it should

this week, Mary Easty, a 58-year-old mother of sevans, the civil rights activists, the historians — feels it should be commemorated as a shameful abuse of human rights, and has commissioned a vast stone memorial carved with the victims' names.

The commercial faction is celebrating raking it in, with sales doubling of "I'm a witch — fly me!" T-shirts, plastic pumpkins, blow-up black cars and "My other car's a broomstick!" stickers.

The supernatural faction is complaining that both scholars and salespersons are unfairly portray ing witches as either devil-worship pers or green-faced, barking mad hags. Further trouble

has been brewing this week as more a hundred witches from Salem's modern covens celebrate Mabon, the autumn equinox, at their high altar erected in the somewhat prosaic surroundings of the old town hall. The witches are also complaining that religious fanat-ics, attracted by the tercentenary, keep trying to save them

chief librarian at the

from sin by praying aggressively at them in the street. aggressive Ali is not well, then, in the town of Salem. Will T. La Moy knows this. He is the towards us'

> Essex Institute, which houses an extraordinary collection of personal letters, county records and transcripts from the witchcraft court. An upright, decent, bearded man, he bemoans the "themeparking" of Salem. "There is no need for anything like that here. We have the original architec-ture and artefacts, family papers and diaries; we don't need to recreate them. We feel it's our responsibility to keep the right travesty of justice here, and that the

not tourism." But tourism was inevitable, almost from the start. When the hanging stopped on September 22, 1692, the hype began. Hardly had various accusers admitted that "a delusion of Satan" had caused

victims need commemoration, not

sensationalising. It's about history,



The whole truth: The Trial of George Jacobs by Tompkins Harrison Matteson (1855), showing the events of 1692 which led to Jacobs being hanged on August 16

them to fabricate their charges, than the Rev John Hale was in there with the first Salem blockbuster, "A Modest Inquiry Into the Nature of Witchcraft", published in

A century later came Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter, a dark and brooding novel of the hounding of a woman caught in adultery by a descendant of the trials' hanging judge, John Hathorne. Nathaniel supposedly added the "w" to distance himself from his tainted ancestor, whom he describes as a "persecuting spirit who made himself so conspicious in the martyrdom of the witches, that their blood may fairly be said to have left a stain upon him".

Now, in 1992, Nathaniel's is, of course, the upmarket restaurant serving "seasonal American cuisine" in the Hawthome Hotel. There is worse to be had in the

fake-cobbled streets, where the repro trolley bus filled with tourists wearing naked-girl-riding-broomlollies, trundles round the "heritage trail" and ends up outside the Salem Witch Museum.

Alison D'Amario, the historian at the witch museum, says the show is "historically accurate and quite dramatic". She apologises for her business card, which features a witch and broomstick. "People come from all over the world

because they associate Salem with witchcraft. It fascinates them, and most of them are not scholars but tourists, and they want to take back a souvenir. They come with all sorts of misconceptions — that witches were burned at the stake for instance - and we do our best to educate them a little." She points to a lecture series, featuring academics, legal experts and, of course, real-life witches.

The museum is a disused church with the arched windows blanked our with red paint so the polyester-ciad and largely overweight tourists can enjoy a full audio visual re-experiencing of the witch trials. The performance begins with Hammer Horror-style music in the darkness, the narrator's voice booms, and the lights go up on a fork-tailed devil standing in the corner. His red eyes glow in the dark. The audience sniggers. The brochure notes that the lifesize figures were made in 1972 from polyester resin. The only way out of this chamber of

If the hanged Puritans could turn in their graves, they would. Unfortunately, being common criminals because of the accusations of witchcraft, they were de-nied a proper burial and tucked into natural crevices in the hillside. This year, however, Salem atoned for that and built a memorial in the form of a dry-stone walled garden

with each victim's name engraved on one of 20 giant blocks protruding from the wall.

One block is for Giles Corey, the only accused witch who was not hanged. Instead, because he re-fused to plead gullty or not guilty, his body was pressed under heavy stones. Eventually or host rib cage broke under the weight and he died Undergesth ein black loans died. Underneath six black locust trees, ground stones are inscribed with some of the pleas, which run out in mid-sentence just as the victim's lives did. "I am wholly innocent of such wickedness. I am no witc..." says one. The memorial is one of the tonn centers are including of the town cemetery — including that of John Hathorne.

artier this year, the memorial was unveiled by the playwright Arthur Miller, who is now 87. He dramatised the witch trials in 1953 in The Crucible and brought out their parallels with McCarthysult of a local insanity, people acting en masse and going berserk. Miller used that to show McCarthy's pursuit of supposed communists was a form of national insanity," says Mr La Moy.

Salem's present-day witches say there is no need to look to McCarthyism or any other analogies. They claim that persecution of

exact a heavy price. Clare Seeger, another leading Brit-

ish pro windsurfer also based

in Hawaii, was unable to

make it to Brighton partly as a

result of a catalogue of injuries sustained during the past year or so: sprained limbs, broken

bones, a perforated eardrum,

and being stabbed in the stomach by her own fin and

to call on her own surgical

skills to sew herself up. "I

usually manage to get to the hospital in time," she said.

"I'm better at avoiding trouble

now I have contact lenses and

can see it coming. The thing

about women in Hawaii is

that they just get straight back

Being a professional does

making a fortune. In fact,

without the endorsements en-

loyed by a handful of sailors,

Ms Spreiter is only just break-

ing even, financing her travel-

ling expenses from her contest

earnings. "When I went to New Caledonia this year, I

calculated I had to make fourth to cover the £1,500 it

cost to take part." She made

fourth. "Yeah, but I was lying

eighth for a while and I wasn't

year an airline will be footing

her excess baggage bill and a

sportswear company is kitting

her out in wetsuits. Her ambi-

tion is to break into the top five

in the world, but she has

another career as a painter,

fancies writing, and doesn't

rule out going back to veteri-

There is only one thing worse for a windsurfer than

nary work.

Things are looking up. Next

very happy about it."

nearly bleeding to death. Ms Spreiter hasn't yet had

witches still continues today. Laurie Cabot, Salem's official witch (appointed by Michael Dukakis when he was state governor) says a number of Salem coven members have been harassed by religious fanatics in the street, and warning letters have been sent to the harassers by the district attorney's office.

Ms Cabot gives an analysis of the

situation over some rather odd-

tasting tea in her house. "Witchcraft is a nature-based religion that predates Christianity. Our religion is benign, but the tercentenary gives the impression all witches are devil-worshippers. It has caused people to be very aggressive to-wards us." She has just been shopping for paper plates for the cakes at the Mabon celebration, and wearing her usual clothes: diaphanous black robes and a silver pentacle. It does not come as a surprise that people run up to her yelling in the street, or that they barge into her black-painted,

witch equipment and potions Ms Cabot takes the abuse on the chin, being the founder of the Witches' League for Public Awareness, and eager to make her point in public. Discrimination against whiches, she points out, is now illegal in America. The 1986

also includes her daughter's shop --

Crow Haven Corner — selling

federal court case of Detimer v Landon established that witchcrait is a recognised religion under the First Amendment rights to free speech. Legal decisions have not however, served to change the mind of the minister at Salem's the Wesley and Lafayette Street United Methodist Church. The Rev Kenneth Stiegler warns that witches need to know that religious nevpaganism is not harmless. "It's like taking a thimble of arsenic a day until you are dead," he informed

the local newspaper.

Beleaguered on all sides. Ms Cabot is also disgusted by the tacky witchmobilia found throughout the town. "Every T-shirt in town de-picts us as greenfaced, dirty and ugly," she says, displaying her distinctly white face, and pale pink

But Ms Cabot is unlikely to bite the tourist hand that feeds her and her family. Where else but Salem would "Witchcraft as Science" seminars go down so well, and where sell kitchen herbs packaged as love potions and bomber jackets with pentacles on the back and the logo. The Witches of Salem"?

Like almost everyone else, she too is making a quick buck out of a shameful episode of American history. Somehow, the distance or 300 years makes an attocity a very commercial proposition.

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Christine Spreiter is a top competitor in one of the world's most hazardous and exhilarating sports

lot of people would not mind following in Christine Spreiter's footsteps this year: from Hawaii to New Caledonia, Barbados. France, Puerto Rico, back to Hawaii on to Japan, Venezuela, Tenerife, Italy, and, last week, Brighton. There's only one problem: 200 kilos of excess baggage in the shape of six boards, 12 sails and a lead waistcoat she wears to windsurf faster.

"Some women shy away from the thought of lugging all that gear about," she said at the Old Ship Inn. "But if you want something hard enough you do it."

Last week Brighton played host to the British leg of the Aramis New West Windsurfing World Cup. At 28, Ms Spreiter is the top UK woman competitor, now ranked number 10 in the world after only one full year on the grand prix circuit. She was educated in Scotland but was born in California and looks it, with streaky fair hair and blue eyes. Her father was professor of

applied mechanics and aerodynamics at Stanford University in San Francisco and such lecture courses as "Geophysical Fluid Dynamics" - studying wave formation and tidal phenomena - were mother's milk to her. But she was keen to put theory into practice, learning to swim at six weeks of age and spending each of her first few winters in Hawaii, playing among the mightiest waves in the world.

Ms Spreiter has an impressive sprinkling of letters after her own name: BVM&S. MRCVS, or veterinary sur-geon for short. She studied for five years in Edinburgh, then went into general practice for a year in Wales, windsurfing all the while off the Gower peninsula. "The trouble was I only had Thursdays off, and there never seemed to be any wind on Thursdays."
In the midst of ministering

to sick budgerigars, the siren call of Hawaii became too strong and she left her job in 1988 and took off for Maui.

On wind and wave in a lead waistcoat



Surfing for honours: Christine Spreiter, on the water at Maui, is ranked first in Britain and tenth in the world

Just as the North Shore on the neighbouring island of Oahu is the mecca of surfers from the four corners of the earth, so Hookipa is a compulsory pilgrimage for windsurfers. It is that geographical rarity. a big-wave spot with cross-shore

winds, funnelled and intensified as they pass between a pair of extinct volcanoes. "I wanted to get back into the big waves," Ms Spreiter said, "and I imagine that a windsurfing rig was the only

thing that was going to keep me alive out there." In 1989 she entered the trials for a professional windsurfing contest in Ho'okipa. She came through the first round of oneon-one heats, and then lost. She did not get anywhere near the main event and could best only an unknown Swiss, but that was enough: she was hooked on the spiralling addiction of the pro tour. She had one great incentive

for competing in that first

contest. She needed a new rig. All she had was a \$50 secondhand sail joined to an old barge with a sponge-like appetite for water. She was so successful at talking companies into sponsoring her that she was deluged with equipment before the race. But it was a sail-making company based in Hawaii that nursed her through her initiation into pro windsurfing and which she is now repaying by opening up its first outlet in Britain.

at Windermere. "It's a case of putting my money where my mouth is. If I believe what I say, that my performance is going to make their product more saleable, then I should be able to go ahead and sell it." Wave-sailing is the ultimate synthesis of board and sail,

the devastating hurricane that recently hit Hawaii, ripping up trees and houses, and that is a sunny September on the south coast of England, where the tourists are sitting in deckchairs reading newspa-pers, barely ruffled by the gentlest zephyr. 1 left her wind and wave, carving across the surface with a 20ft high wall and several million tons praying for a miracle and a of white water tagging along maelstrom. at your shoulder. But plugging into the power of the ocean can

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For once private landlords and tenants agree — on the need for new tax incentives. Rachel Kelly reports Ready for a rental revival

ew tax incentives should be introduced to stimulate the rented sector, the Association of Residential Letting Agents (Arla) said last week, which would help to even the current imbalance in favour of home ownership.

Arla is not alone in this view. The consensus in favour of reviving the private rented sector, which accounts for 7 per cent of the market, grows daily. Those reeling from the seesaw of changes to interest rates last week are wide open to thinking about the calmer option of renting. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, a housing charity, and the Halifax, the country's largest building society, all back such plans. The government, too, is known to be keen to stimulate the rented sector, and a package is likely to be announced later this

There are two possible ways to help the rented sector: either reduce subsidies in favour of home ownership, or raise the subsidies on renting. In the past, Arla has argued that mortgage tax relief, a costly anomaly in the tax system, should be abolished. But mortgage interest tax relief is seen by the government and the Opposition as the political sacred cow that cannot be killed for its meat. Instead, it is being abolished by stealth through non-indexation.

Unsurprisingly then, Arla has given up fighting for the phasing out of mortgage tax relief from an agreed date over ten years, which it says would avoid an artificial boom. Our hopes are now focused on campaigning for subsidies for private renting," Neville Lee, chair-

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Arla's incentives include removing capital gains tax from the sale of rented housing held as an investment for more than five years, and allowing investors in residential rental property to claim capital allowances against tax for the cost of restoring property to rent. Allowances are currently only available for work carried out with a residential tenant already in occupation.

"Residential renting should be treated as a business, with tax incentives comparable to those available for those letting commercial and industrial property," Mr Lee says. Ministers agree that the key to increasing the number of private landlords is to encourage financial institutions to start invest-



Right to rent: demand is greater than supply, tenants' campaigner Michelle Burrell, says

ing in rented homes, perhaps by mopping up some of the 65,000 or repossessed homes on the

Other measures would be to allow losses on renting property to be offset against gains from other businesses and to allow income from reconver-

sions from office to residential use and space above retail premises to be tax-free for two years. provided the properties are let for five years. Arla also suggests a penalty of five times the local council tax for those who fail to use space above retail property if it remains unoccupied for more than six months.

Aria's proposals naturally do not focus on tenants' rights. Michelle Burrell is a 29-year-old campaign worker for Camden Federation of Private Tenants, dedicated to fighting for the rights of private tenants in Camden, London. She is in favour of tax subsidies for landlords, which she believes would increase the level of affordable private rented accommodation for young people. But the trade-off for such subsidy should be that landlords should maintain minimum standards in the property they let. "The problem at the moment is that so much property is sub-standard," Ms Burrell says, "and it is also expensive." The average bed-sit in Camden costs £89 a week, she says, and many are

of poor quality.

The Halifax agrees that mini-

home ownership, or raising

the subsidies on renting

mum standards should be set for

lower quality accommodation if

private landlords are to be offered

subsidies. "We need to ensure that

tenants are treated fairly in what

would continue for some time to be

an under-supplied market," a

spokesman says. "Simple mini-

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reason is because of its disastrous neglect since the war, when 90 per cent of houses and flate were rented from private landlords, compared with today's 7 per cent There are two ways to help and figures of 40 per cent the rented sector: either and 50 per cent else-where in Europe. reduce subsidies in favour of

A vibrant rented sector would make it easier for people to move between regions in search of work. Should home owners' fortunes change, then the rental escape route could save them from reposses-

sion. Many people are unable to afford home ownership anyway, or are, in the changed economic dimate, now considered unsuitable for a loan. "The result of lenders' experiences over the past two years means that some people may be regarded as being of too high a risk profile and may be unable to obtain mortgage finance," a spokesman for the Halifax says.

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expense. That is up to the Treasury,

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But why should we revive the

Mr Lee says.

Others likely to benefit from an improved private renting sector include the elderly, who may wish some capital. Young people may also prefer to rent, as lower cost accommodation may be available for letting but not for sale. The government has already

acted in this direction, chiefly with the 1988 Housing Act which created assured shorthold tenancies and thereby ended security of tenure and rent controls. It has backed pilot schemes to encourage reluctant landlords to let with management help from housing associations and set up Business Expansion Scheme lettings, where investors set up a company and gain tax advantages if they rent. But these measures do not go far

enough, and the increase in lettings over the past two or three years because of the 1988 act may be only temporary while home owners are unable to sell. The government could further encourage landlords by stiffening the act to redress the balance between landlord and tenant over repossession for nonpayment of rent.
The 1988 act, then needs some tinkering, although the regulatory

framework is largely in place. Aria's proposals take up the cause by concentrating on raising the finan-cial returns for landlords who let.

hristine Whitehead, ofthe London School of Economics, argues that rents are now inadequate to provide rates of return if inflation does not give landlords a rate of return on house prices. The result is poor quality housing available for rent. "It's not clear that we have a demand for renting from those who can pay the rate of return to cover the capital and maintenance costs for landlords," she says.

Part of the problem, says Adrian Coles from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, is high interest rates. Interest rates are too high for the level of capital gain which you can earn in the housing market as inflation is very low. If interest rates come down to a level consistent with inflation rates, and the maximum you could earn from a deposit account was four or five per cent, then that would be equal to the yield from rented accommodation. In turn, the supply of rented accommodation would increase."

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A particular problem is faced by those million or so home owners faced with mortgages greater than the value of their homes. They are likely to be the most stubborn and least realistic about pricing, with the prospect of certain debt if their house is sold at a lower price than they paid for it.

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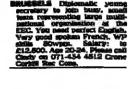
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Company Limited
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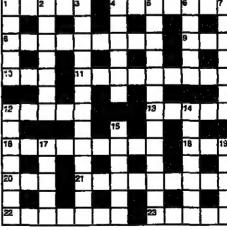
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The Solent Way. The second of four programmes in which Bob
Wellings explores the Hampshire coast. Today he travels from Beautieu to Southampton (r) (55520)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (4377743) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (9189781) 10.25 Jimbo and the let Set (r) (4370830) 10.35 Hudson and Halls. The Kiwi cooks prepare Chinese delicacies for their guest actress Iill Gascoine (r) (5033439)

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Aussies. The third of five programmes in which Jack Pizzey
examines the Australian way of life (8173520)

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(s) (45549052) 2.20 Hawaii Five-O. Steve McGarrett and the Five-O team tackle policeman who wants to murder his wife's killer (5052052) 3.10 Pot Black. Aginst-the-clock snooker competition, presented by Earnonn Holmes (3476946) 3.35 Lifeline. Mike Smith with an appeal in behalf of the Centre for Accessible Environments (r) (4278526)

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3.45 Cartoon (8746052) 3.50 The All New Popeye Show (r) (5965878) 4.15 Potsworth & Co (r) (6259656) 4.35 What's That Noise? In the first of a new series the Tracy Brothers explore the musical culture of their native Birmingham (8413236)
5.00 Newsround (3447656) 5.10 Grange Hill. Drama serial set in a considerate should (3147659).

secondary school (3103588) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (530304). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (149)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (101), Northern Ireland; Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (6014)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. The start of a new series includes a report on

the first transatiantic balloon race and the latest deviopments in solving the problem of male infertility. (Ceefax) (s) (385)

8.00 Only Foots and Horses. Del, Rodney and Unde Albert are attending the wedding of one of Del's old flames when they learn about the late Mrs Trotter's buried treasure. Starring David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and Buster Merrifield (r). (Ceefax) (7830)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8588)



Surviving on her wits: alcoholic Maggie Donnelly (9.30pm)

9.30 Inside Story: Bag Lady.
CHOICE: Maggie Donnelly is 42 but like many people who sleep rough looks years older and she is drinking herself to death. Her pitch is the London Embankment, where she survives on social security, pills for her epilepsy and a determination not to be beaten up by other dossers. David Pearson's revealing film is both a record of the pills in the pills have the cott them. up by other dossers. David rearson's revealing tim is both a record of her existence and an attempt to explain how she got there. Her upbringing, on a council estate in Grimsby, was comentional and people remember her as intelligent, articulate and full of life. Come to that, she still is those things. But the alcoholism started early, treatment failed and she is resigned to spend the rest of her life on the testings. The film ambeautiful schooling started early. the streets. The film explores with schoolmates, teachers and friends the roots of her downfall, notably a trauma from the distant past which still brings her to tears. (Ceefax) (873781)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Boxing: the British and Commonwealth super middleweight title fight between Henry Wharton of York and Sheffield's Fidel Castro; and the British middleweight championship fight between the holder Herol Graham and Frank Grant; Football: the latest Premier league action; and Athletics a preview of this weekend's world cup

11.50 Weather (838033). Ends at 11.55 2.15em BBC Select: Accountancy Television (93415). Ends at 2.45

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Data Models and Databases (6661588). Ends at

8.00 Breakfast News (9941830) 8.15 Writers' Houses. Michael Frayn visits Shandy Hall near York, where Laurence Sterne wrote Tristram Shandy (r) (9964781) 8.30

Play Better Golf with Peter Alliss (r) (98439) 9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes vs and weather followed by You and Me (r) (59295588) 2.15

In The Making. Theatrical designer seen at work on Ronald Eyre's production of Othello for the RSC (r) (59207323) 2.35 Country File. Rural issues examined by John Craven (r) (3690584) 3.00 News and weather (4368859) followed by All Our Children. How

3.00 News and weather (4368859) followed by All Our Children. How children are taught music. Narrated by Judi Dench (r) (8396526)
3.50 News, regional news and weather (8732859)
4.00 Film: Bells of San Angelo (1947) starring Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Western adventure in which Roy Rogers and Trigger are called in to investigate skullduggery at a silver mine. Directed by William Witney (1207762)
5.15 Lost. A documentary about what happened on a cold and snowy night in 1973 when relice semeant Sherrar cat off arms the

night in 1973 when police sergeant Spencer set off across the lancashire moors in search of a missing teenager (r) (3457033) 5.30 Innovative Kyoto Chef. Japanese cuisine prepared by Yoshio

Maruyama (878) 6.00 Star Trek. Cult science fiction series starring William Shatner and

6.00 Star Trek. Cult science fection series starring William Shather and Leonard Nimoy (r). (Ceefax) (325491)
6.50 DEF II begins with Wayne's World. American comedy series (697205) 7.00 Rough Guide to Careers. Kuldip Dhadda and Steve Carson check out job prospects in Europe (514743)
7.40 The Shetland Sessions. Aly Bain introduces music from the 1991 Shetland Folk Festival (s) (951694)
8.10 A Diplomat in Japan: A Clash of Cultures.
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makes extensive use of 19th-century prints (448897)

A Diplomat in Japan: A Clash or Citizeness.
CHOICE: A two-part dramatisation of the life of Sir Ernest Satuw (Alan Parnaby) serves to examine relations between Japan and the Western powers in the 1860s. It is a story with two themes. After years of isolation Japan was being exposed to foreign influence, as Britain, France and other countries established treaty ports. internally the decade saw the compt government of the shogun being supplanted by the radical samural, determined to lead Japan into a new, modern age. Satow, who first went to Japan as a student interpreter attached to the British legation, tried more than most outsiders to get under the skin of the oriental culture, even taking a Japanese mistress. The film draws on his memoirs and



Feminist satire: Debora Weston leads her platoon (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: A double bill comprises two comic pieces, both distinguished by the originality of their ideas. Dread Poets Society is co-written by and stars the Rastafarian dub poet Benjamin Zephaniah. In 1987 he was controversially short-listed for a fellowship at Cambridge. The playlet is set on a Birmingham to Cambridge train, which Zephaniah shares with a DIY salesman (Timothy Spall) and the ghosts of Keats, Byron and the Shelleys. If (Imouny Spail) and the ghosts of Keats, Byron and the Shelleys. If the message sometimes gets confused it is put across with wit and energy. Clearer in structure and intent is Small Metal Jacket, a feminist sative by the New York writer Emily Prager. With the American men losing the Vietnam war, up pops a female major, Debora Weston, who says women can do better. She leads her crack troops into the jungle, each one fitted with a lethal anti-rape weapon. (Ceefax) (s) (2656323)

10.20 Time Passing. Eight 60-second shots reveal how variable a minute can be (731014)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (678025)
11.15 The Late Show. Includes a review of Granada's controversial docudrama Hostages; and William Shawcross on his biography of Rupert Murdoch (s) (763410) 11.55 Weather (835946)

12.00 Open University: Literature in the Modern World 12.25am Childbirth and Contraception (8562569). Ends at 12.55

6.00 TV-am (5494743) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker

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10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (7832526)
10.40 This Morning presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes consumer affairs, legal advice and an item on herbs. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (9566033)
12.10 Allsorts, For the very young (5602410)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (2687439) 1.05 Tharnes

News (69992052)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (766781) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in an Australian outback town (s) (765052)

2.15 Graham Kerr. The enthusiastic cook prepares French rerebit (757033) 2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama series (7195994) 3.10 ITN News headlines (4379965) 3.15 Thames News headlines

4378236) 3.20 The Young Doctors (3481878)
3.50 Bugs Buttry. Carbon (3279946) 3.55 Rupert the Bear. The first in a new series of animated adventures (5959217) 4.20 Grotbags starring Carol Lee-Scott as the green-haired witch (8625675) 4.40 Wooff Comedy series about a boy who changes into a dog at awkward moments (r). (Oracle) (s) (9193101)

5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz game for teenagers (9768149)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (794675)
5.55 Thames Help (f) (105474)
6.00 Home and Away (f). (Oracle) (217)
6.30 Thames News (897)

7.00 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor with the last in the series of the yes/no fame show (s) (4410) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (781)



Captive in Beirut: Colin Firth as John McCarthy (8.00pm)

O Hotages.
© CHOICE: An impressive drama-documentary from Granada Television tells the story of John McCarthy, Brian Keenan and the three American hostages with whom they shared their years of captivity in Beirut, McCarthy and Keenan declined to cooperate on the project but can hardly object to the result, which pays proper tribute to the men's courage and humour in dreadful circumstances. Colin Firth as McCarthy and Claran Hinds (Keenan) hand a static of fine performances. The sub-plot dealing with the head a clutch of fine performances. The sub-plot, dealing with the campaigns of Jill Morrell, Peggy Say and Keenan's sisters to get the men released, comes over less strongly and there is little attempt to explore the political context. Bernard MacLaverty's script works best as a study of men under stress, it offers a straightforward less than the political context. narrative and does not try to judge. (Oracle) (3014) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (80410) 10.30 Thames News

10.40 Film: Extreme Prejudice (1987) starring Nick Notte and Powers

10.40 Film: Extreme Prejudice (1987) starring Nick Notte and Powers Boothe. A latter-day western about a Texas Ranger fighting a battle against drug smuggling run by a childhood friend in a small border town. Their conflict is exacerbated by their love for the same woman. Directed by Walter Hill (s) (94234675)
12.40am Hollywood Report. Movie gossip (1353811)
1.10 Film: The Haunted House of Horror (1969) starring Frankle Avalon. A group of youngsters hold a seance in a London house. When they realise their efforts have falled to raise a spirit they start to explore the building until one of their number is found hacked to death. Directed by Michael Armstrong (381989)
2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (10182)

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3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (74881705)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville (10432811)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (88171076) 5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (77960) 5.30 ITN Morning News (15057). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5492385)

9.25 Schools (88740743) 12.00 End of the Game. A documentary about the threat to the African ?

elephant (r) (18781)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (r) (94101)

2.00 Great Russian Writers. A portrait of Maxim Gorky, narrated by

2.00 Great Russian Writers. A portion of the Markins.

Alan Dobie. (Teletext) (8236)

2.30 Film: The Long Arm (1956, bAv) starring lack Hawkins.

Documentary-style police thriller following the search for a safe-breaker-turned-killer. Directed by Charles Frend (95742878)

4.10 Halewrijn. Animation by the Belgian Raoul Servas (6276323)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game (694)



Man talk: Oprah Winfrey meets friends and rivals (5.00pm)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Jealous friends after the same man are interviewed (s) (7381588)
5.50 The Bunbury Tails. Animated adventures of a group of sporting rabbits (s) (449615)

6.00 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice gushes over the west Yorkshire countryside looking for hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (14965)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (154385)

7.50 Comment (378507) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Inspector Morse: Sins of the Father. The real ale-loving detective is in his element tonight as he investigates a murder at a local brewery. Starring John Thaw, Kevin Whateley and Lionel Jeffries (r). (Teletext) (22588)

10.30 Packing Them In. Variety show hosted by Jenny Edan, Frank Skinner, Roger Mann and Kevin Eldon. Appearing tonight are Owen O'Nelli, Otiz Cannelloni and the Rubber Bishops (s) (373453) 11.15 The Prisoner. The first of a repeat of the 25-year-old 17-part cult drama starting Patrick McGoohan as the enigmatic prisoner in a strange world. With Leo McKern, Virginia Maskell, Guy Doleman, Paul Eddington and George Baker. (Teletext) (792491)
12.15am The Stave Allen Show (b/w). American 1950s comedy show. Tonight's guests include Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (14219)

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12.45 Film: Aan (1952). Hindi drama about the love affair between a peasant of noble descent and an arrogant princess. Starring Dilip Kumar, Nadire and Nimmi. Directed by Mehboob Khan. (English subtitles) (33367279). Ends at 3.35

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12.00 The Best Man (1964): Political drama starring Henry Fonda (73217)
2.00pm The Odesse File (1974): A journalist sturbles upon Nazis (18250236)
4.15 Earth Angel (1991): Cathy Podewell helps her former dessmales (60149304) (as 10am) (79961439)
8.00 Montains (1990): Richard Crenna wants to sell the lamby ranch, but Gena Rowlands wants to keep it (79830)
10.00 Bad Influence (1990): James Spader befriends drifter Rob Lowe (310033)
11.45 Frenk and I (1983): Erotic drama starring Jemifer Inch (697168)
1.10am The Face of Fenr (1990): A psychic helps track a serial later (737279)
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12.15pm The Devil and Miles Jones (1941, blvb: Milionaire Charles Coburn maquerades as a shop assistant (521385)
2.15 Young at Heert (1954): Musical nomance starring Dors Day (541149)
4.15 Xanadu (1960): Olivia Newson-John rispins a denor (420217)
6.15 Presumed Guilty (1990): Martin Sheer's step-son 6 accused of murder (433781)

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8.15 Memphis (1991): Racial drama set in the 1950s with Cybel Shepherd (67658502)
9.50 Mir and Mirs Bridge (1990): With Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward (36612439)
12.06 Comaing Home (1978): Jane Fonda nurses paraplegic Jon Vorght (73226569)
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6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle.
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(Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6
No 2: Bath Festival Orchestra
under Yehudi Menuthin); 7.34
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they grow so high (Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Graham Johnson, pianor), Sonatina Romantica, 1940 (Anthony Goldstone, piano); Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo (Ratter Repressioned the (Peter Pears, tenor, the composer, piano); Sinfonia da Requiem (New Philharmonia Orchestra under the composer) 10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan

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Philhamnonia Hungarica under
Antal Dorati): Mozart (Chi sa,
chi sa, qual sia, K 582: Vienna
Chamber Orchestra under
György Fischer, with Cedlia
Bartoli, mezzo): Dittersdorf
(Ham Concepts Marks.) (Harp Concerto: Marisa Robles, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown); Alwyn (Autumn Legend: London Philharmonic orchestra under the composer, with Geoffrey Browne, cor anglais); Wolf (Benedeit, die sel'ge Mutter: Dietrich Pischer-Dieskau, bartone, Erik Werba, piano); Bertiel (Stefen Sewal) bairtone, Enk Westla, plantos, Rossini (String Sonata No 4 in B flat: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Clara Schumann (Sonata in G minor: Josef de Beenhouwer, piano); Scarlatti, arr Tommasini (The Good Honoured Ladies: English Concert Orchestra under Richard Bonynge); Herrmann (Aria from Salarumbo:

National PO under Charles Gerhardti Schwanengesling: Bryn Terfel, bass-baritone, Malcolm Martineau, piano, per Schubert's song-cycle 1.00pm News 1.05 Berningham Lunchthne Concert: Live from Pebble

RADIO 3 Mill, the Lindsay Quartet performs Schubert (Quartet in B flat, D 112); Tippett (Quartet No 5) 2.05 Record Review, with

2.05 Record Review, with Anthony Burton (r)
3.35 A Third Look Back: The second of three programmes in which Peter Barker explores the history of the BBC's orchestras. Brahms, arr Sargent (O thou Death, how bitter art thou, Four Serious Songs: BBC SO under Malcolm Sargent, with Kathleen Perrier, contraito); Vaughan Williams (Sufte, Coast of Command, fifth movement: BBC Northern Orchestra under Muir Mathleson); Berlioz (Overture, Roman Camival: BBC SO under Rudolf Schwarz)
4.80 Choral Evensong, five from Guildford Cathedral
5.00 In Tune: Natalie Wheen's guest is the conductor Smon Rattle
7-30 City of Birmingham
5 ymphony Orchestra: Live from the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Simon Rattle conducts Boulez (Notations I-IV). 7.45 Vienna: City of Nostalgia and Revolution. 8.05 Mahler (Symphony No 3 in D minor: with the CBSO Chorus, women's voices; Children of Shrewsbury School and the

minor: with the CBSO Chorus, women's voices; Children of Shrewsbury School and the School of St Mary and St Anne, Abbots Bromley.

9.45 In Mernoriam, read by Sir John Gielgud. The second of three archive programmes (r)

10.05 Domaueschingen Festival: Baden-Baden Radio Symphony Orchestra under Michael Gielen, with Helnz Holliger, oboe, performs Bernd Alois Zimmermann (Oboe Zimmermann (Oboe Concerto); Boulez (Figuresdoubles-prismes)

10.45 Night Waves: Robert
Hewison talks to the film

maker Leni Riefenstahl; Conor Cruise O'Brien discusses his biography of Edmund Burke; and there is a review of Ubu, Andrew Toovey's new opera 11.30 Beathoven and Bartok Quartets: Endellion Quartet performs Roothews (Quartet performs Beethoven (Quartet in G. Op 18 No 2); Bartók (Quartet No. 4)
12.30em News 12.35 Close
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in
Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)
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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 A Case of Bananas:
That Darni Fool Pennington,
by Ronnie Knox-Mawer (3/5)
8.58 Weather

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9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: The actor Herbert Lorn is today's birthday guest (s)
10.00 News; Keep it Clean (FM only): The handkerchief versulter in the service of the service of

the tissue
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only): John Burlyan's allegory, adapted by Peter Luke (1875)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Woman's Hour talks to Monica lay about the film Just Like a Woman, which has been adapted from her

autobiographical book, Geraldine, Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time Members of the Royal Horticultural Society of Aberdeen put their questions

to the experts (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with Roisin McAuley
12.25pm: The Wooden Horse: The God In a Box. Second of a sixpart adaptation by Mark Power of the classic warrine

escape story by Eric Williams (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Who Sings the Hero?
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CHOICE: This drama

documentary series, which has reconstructed deeds of individual and group gallantry, goes out on the crest of a wave. Or rather, on the crest of many waves because producer Gerry Jones and his claver team have whipped them into an approximation of diver team have whipped them into an approximation of the mountainous seas that would certainly have drowned everyone on board the barque saluto if the Comish fishermen cum lifeboatmen of Newlyn had not rowed out to save them in December 1911.

This was a tremendous drama, and Melville Jones's script is a brave attempt to do it justice 2.47 Rich Pickings: Clouds and Fog. Poetry and prose about the weather. Read by Rosemary Leach and Michael

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Pitzgerald (r)
3.00 File on 4 (r)
3.42 Profile: David Walker meets
Howard Davies, the youngest
head of the employers'
association, the CB
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the
latest film releases, including
Patriot Games and Just Like a
Woman; reports on the forum
for writers in the Middle East;
reviews film maker Leni
Reifenstahl's memoirs; and
reports on the Glyndebourne
Touring Opera (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Death of
Daffy Ducky, by Peter
Goldsworthy: Read by Dermot
Crowley
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.35 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.25 Pece the Pacts, with John
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7.45 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare (r)
8.15 Talking About Music
Antony Hopkins explores
Prokofier's Firth Symphony (s)
8.45 In Business: Dear Boss,
You're Fired ... Peter Day
meets the workers who are

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meets the workers who are
now able to tell their bosses
what they think of them

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Martin Webber
(s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking
at the Gates, by James
Campbell. Read by John
Branwell (3/10) (s)

11.00 Cold Print: Arthur Mee's The
Children's Newspaper was the
journalistic equivalent of cod
liver oil (1/4) (r)

11.30 Screenplay (s) (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
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Forecast 12.43 As World
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